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**WWLP – SPRINGFIELD, MA**

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**The following is WWLP programming addressing Crime during the 4<sup>TH</sup> quarter of 2007. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      10/1/07                                      5am                                      :30**

18-year-old Johnny Evans, a linebacker for the minutemen tried but couldn't defend himself, ended up stabbed and sidelined in the hospital. Campus spokesman Ed Blaguszewski says everyone had just come out of a school-sanctioned dance. Minute's later UMass police unleashed their crime fighting canines, search for a weapon and suspect. Evans, a North Carolina native, is expected to recover from lacerations to the buttocks. Police never felt the nature of the crime compromised the safety of other students. UMass spokesperson, Ed Blaguszewski says that UMass police at this point aren't releasing the name of the second person who was stabbed. The victim he said refused treatment at the scene and was uncooperative with police. That victim had been stabbed in the arm. There have been no arrests so far in the case. The other victim, Johnny Evans is in fair condition at Baystate medical center.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      5pm                                      :30**

A Springfield father is accused of shaking his 5 week old baby to death and now he's being held without the right to bail. 19-year-old Samuel Rivera surrendered late last night after Springfield police issued a warrant for his arrest. According to the police report, officers responded to a 911 call at 33 Fort Pleasant Avenue in Springfield of an infant not breathing. The report states that Baystate Medical Center attending physician; Dr. Blake Spirko said little Janyia had retinal hemorrhage in both eyes, an indication of violent shaking.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      11pm                                      :30**

A Palmer man, Alfred Labare pleaded not guilty murder. Prosecutors say he held Gail Arsenault's head under water. The drowning incident occurred on July 31st in Lake Thompson in the town of palmer where the couple shared an apartment. Hampden county superior court judge Cornelius Moriarty ordered the 52-year-old Labare be held without bail pending trial proceedings.

**News                                      10/2/07                                      6am                                      :30**

A 23-year-old Williamsburg woman has died after losing control of her vehicle in Maryland. Police say Tanya Dennis was in Dickerson, Maryland, when she lost control of her vehicle while driving around a curve. She was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. Police say alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident.

**News                                      10/2/07                                      12pm                                      :30**

Springfield police officer Marcia brown says the Asian market at 19 Pomona Street was held up at gunpoint. According to officer brown the bandit ran toward the white street school and was later seen on Alderman Street. Officer Brown says that White Street, Kensington Avenue, and Holy Name schools all went into lockdown as a precaution. Officer Brown describes the robber as a black male around six-one, dark skin, white t-shirt, blue jean shorts, with his hair in braids.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Another man was shot in the foot, near the corner of Central and Chester Streets. Shell casings were found by police outside the Sabor Hispano takeout restaurant. Workers at the Spanish restaurant say they heard at least one shot, but did not see the shooting. A man walked in to Mercy Medical Center to be treated for a gunshot wound to his foot. Authorities say he is not cooperating with their investigation. The suspect is still on the loose.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

17-year-old Derek Lodie is charged with being an accessory before the fact in the murder of Officer Daniel Talbot and is being held without bail. Talbot was shot once in the head early Saturday morning as he socialized with other off-duty officers in a parking lot behind Revere High School. Suffolk county district attorney Dan Conley said there was some kind of confrontation and an unidentified gunman fired on the officers, who fired back.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Police say they have caught a robber who hit three banks in southern New Hampshire and escaped on a bicycle. 31 year old Robert Clark of Turner Falls, Massachusetts, was in federal court today to answer to charges that he robbed banks in Keene, Wilton and Troy in the last five weeks. Clark was arrested last week on other charges after a wild chase in the lakes region in which he allegedly rammed several police cruisers. He's being held pending a hearing on November 3rd.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Police are searching for someone who fired a shotgun into a man's legs. Springfield police captain Joseph Parylak says the shooting happened at 225 Oakland Street in Springfield. The gunman, who is wearing a black hoodie and a ski mask, ran away. The victim was taken to Baystate Medical Center.

**News**                                      **10/3/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

In Connecticut police made an arrest in the murder of a teen from Enfield. 20-year old Paul Berube, from East Windsor, was in court yesterday after being charged with murder, assault, tampering with evidence and making a false statement. Berube is accused of stabbing 18-

year old Christopher Jensen on the Metacomet trail in east Granby over the weekend. Berube is being held on a two million dollar bond.

**News**                                      **10/3/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

In Connecticut, the convicted shooter in the killing of three people in Windsor locks in 2003 refused to take the stand for a second straight day. Jose Guzman would not testify yesterday against his co-defendant in Hartford superior court. Guzman had agreed to take the stand against other defendants in exchange for prosecutors not seeking the death penalty. The prosecution is expected to wrap up its case today the killings occurred at B & B automotive in Windsor locks. Shop owner's Bobby Stears and Barry Rossi and mechanic Lorne Stevens were shot to death execution style.

**News**                                      **10/3/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A Massachusetts man is charged with stealing 123 parking meters. Prosecutors allege the man took the tops off the meters and left the posts behind. Cambridge city officials say the city has lost 100-thousand dollars because of the thefts. Investigators say they found the meters in the man's home. They also believe he may have stolen meters from other cities.

**News**                                      **10/3/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Police in Spencer are probing an apparent murder-suicide, the second such occurrence in their town in less than five months. According to the telegram & gazette, police went to 143 Ash Street after a 9-1-1 call from a neighbor. In a separate case this past May; Paul Robinson of Spencer fatally shot himself in the head after releasing his two children during a police stand-off. His wife's body was found in a shallow grave several weeks later. The state medical examiner ruled the cause of death as a gunshot to the head.

**News**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

The city will be getting a high speed internet system, called spring net that will speed information to police, and be able to detect when gunshots are fired. The gun shot detection system will be installed in parts of the city and will give police specific location of where shots were fired even before the 9-1-1 call comes in. It will allow police to get to the scene and witnesses quicker. The Springfield media and telecommunications group is providing a \$2-million dollar grant to fund the program, which will also include 40 new surveillance cameras throughout the city. Now that new gun shot detection system should be in place by early next year in just a few months, it will be in use in sections of the city.

**New**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Chicopee police are asking for your help tonight to find a man who committed an armed robbery this week. Detective Mark Hammon says that on September 29<sup>th</sup>, Kyle Kervian entered the Shell Gas station Newbury and Springfield Street, threatened the clerk with a knife, and took off with about 300 dollars Kervian is being charged with armed robbery while masked. He is 5'11 and about 180 lbs with brown eyes and light brown hair.

**News****10/6/07****9am****:30**

At The Zone Night Club on Worthington Street, a Springfield police officer was pushed to the ground in the middle of an unruly crowd. Springfield police sergeant David Kane tells says it was a busy night for them, but most notably an officer hired to work the door at the zone nightclub was assaulted. We have learned a bouncer was attempting to remove some unruly club goers, but apparently they weren't going without a fight. In the middle of the madness the officer's show of force wasn't enough for a Springfield man who allegedly pushed him to the ground. Neftali Lopez of Springfield is being charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer, as well as resisting arrest.

**News****10/6/07****6pm****:30**

A bandit who may have come from the Springfield area held up an Enfield, Connecticut bank. There is a secured picture of the man who confronted the teller at the Savings Institute on Freshwater Boulevard. Detective Tim Lewis tells us that the suspect never indicated that he was armed. Witnesses describe the bank robber as being White or Hispanic, 5'5 to 5'8 and having a medium muscular build. The man is said to have fled to the Cosco parking lot where he had a car waiting, a car with Massachusetts license plates. According to detective Lewis, the bank photograph shows the holdup man wearing a baseball cap. Just last week, many Springfield area banks initiated a customer dress code. Customers could no longer wear baseball caps, hoodies or sunglasses inside the bank.

**News****10/6/07****11pm****:30**

In Palmer on North Main Street, a Friendly's Restaurant was forced of a evacuation because of a bomb threat in a suspicious suitcase. Palmer police said that it was determined that there was nothing in the suitcase. Trooper Scott Driscoll of the Sturbridge State police barracks said that the fire and explosives unit of the Massachusetts state police was on the scene the last several hours to determine what was in the suitcase. The friendly's restaurant was quickly evacuated after the call came in about the suspicious item. The immediate area around the restaurant was also cordoned off. Shuttle buses were brought in to take those restaurant customers home.

**News****10/7/07****7am****:30**

Police raided an after hours cocktail party, after months of surveillance. Police say a man and woman would coax people from the clubs to their house, charging them a cover to come inside to drink their alcohol for a fee. The duo has just been booked at Springfield police headquarters. Police served them with a search warrant at 51 Baldwin Street at the Mallory village apartments. According to Lt. John Slepchuk the two have been proprietors of the bogus bar for some time now. Springfield police crashed the party of about 30 people. Along with the arrests, they seized a large amount of alcohol, cash and some drugs. The people arrested are being charged with illegally selling alcohol and what's called, "maintaining a common nuisance house." police said the house had been under surveillance for some time.

**News**                                      **10/7/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

A 22-year-old Springfield fugitive has been running from the law since his alleged involvement in a double shooting in the city over a year ago was arrested. The August 2006, Summit Street shooting left two people, including a 12-year old wounded. Now, Joseph Hughey also allegedly known as "Joey Crack" is behind bars. He was arrested by the St. Joseph county task force in South Bend, Indiana. Sherriff's Deputy Poe of the St. Joseph county jail says Hughey is awaiting his return to Massachusetts under the custody of local authorities.

**News**                                      **10/7/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Chicopee police tonight picked up a suspect who was wanted for several house breaks early this morning. Chicopee police, Sgt Holly Davis said that the 19-year-old Stephen Nelson of Chicopee was picked up about 9:30pm. He was wanted for at least two housebreaks on Angela Drive. Nelson is facing one count of unarmed assault burglary and one count of unarmed burglary.

**News**                                      **10/7/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Captain Joseph Parylak said a shooting in Springfield, at 92 Clifton Avenue has a victim shot in the upper thigh. Parylak says the wound is non-life threatening. He says it appears a shotgun was used.

**News**                                      **10/8/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

In Newington, Connecticut the woman charged in the drowning death of her grandson over the weekend has been found dead at her home. Newington police say 62-year-old Marcia Maglisco was discovered about 12:30 p.m. Police released few details and say are they treating the death as untimely. Maglisco was arrested Friday on a count of risk of injury to a minor after her 2-year-old grandson was found unresponsive in the bathtub of his West Hartford home. He was pronounced dead at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford. The boy was in the care of Maglisco at the time of the drowning. She was due in court tomorrow.

**News**                                      **10/8/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

In Springfield trooper Steve Gregorczyk says the car chase stated on Princeton Street just before six and ended on Gerard Avenue when the suspect fled from his car. State police officers chased on foot but the man got away. Police found drugs and objects tying the suspect to a local gang in the car. Gregorczyk says police have identified the man and have several warrants out for his arrest.

**News**                                      **10/8/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield Police take on a foot chase and call for a k-9 unit backup. Captain Joseph Parylak says police responded to a complaint that there were people with guns near Pendleton Street. When police arrived in the area the four suspects they were looking for fled from the parked car they were sitting in. Police determined the car was stolen. Police caught two of the juvenile suspects and arrested them on undisclosed charges. Police dogs were brought in to help with the chase, but the other two suspects still escaped. Captain Parylak says no guns were found.

**News**                                      **10/10/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Sixteen Acres residents gathered at the Greenleaf community center and voiced their concerns to the Springfield deputy police chief about important public safety issues in their community. Sixteen acres resident Jean Masse has lived in the area for forty eight years. She says a recent rash of neighborhood break-ins has left her fearing for her safety. The sixteen acres civic association holds these meetings on the third Tuesday of every month.

**News**                                      **10/10/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

Two individuals will be joining the Holyoke Police Department's Most Wanted List, Joey Camacho and Jayson Quinones are both wanted for murder. Holyoke police have been after some of them for as long as two years. Chief Anthony Scott says they're all out on bail and they're extremely dangerous and likely to commit another crime. They are violent people so that's why we have these individuals on the list. There's a 100-dollar reward for information leading to their arrest.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Suffield police have initially arrested 47 year old, Ronald Demello on September 7th for an alleged parole violation outside the home of his girlfriend, 66-year-old Jadwiga Bodnar, who was found dead in her Suffield home. Police say Demello served a three-year sentence for assaulting Bodnar and violated his parole by being at the house. Bodnar was found dead inside her apartment with a blunt traumatic injury to her abdomen, apparently from a broken rib cutting into a vital organ. Demello has claimed that Bodnar fell and injured herself a few days before her death. Police are accusing Demello of lying to them about why he was at Bodnar's home and tampering with undisclosed evidence related to her death.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

Thirteen-year-old Chaz Carvalho a middle school student got a stomach full of staples, after taking a textbook to the gut during an unauthorized classroom game. Doctors had to remove his spleen during emergency surgery. Carvalho says his class had been playing a game called "quiet." When Carvalho spoke first, several students threw their textbooks at him. One hit him in the stomach and he went home sick. Carvalho says at first, the teacher didn't believe anything was wrong with him.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

The beating of a handcuffed prisoner in a Lawrence Holding cell was caught on tape. Warner Fabian was cornered and beaten by a group of four of his fellow cellmates around 3 a.m. Rafael Delacruz, Miguel Sanchez, Joe Burgos and Francis Mayi will now be charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. Police don't know what instigated the assault but in the state of Massachusetts, kicking with a covered foot is considered a weapon.

**News**                                      **10/13/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

On September 30th, two students were stabbed after leaving a dance at the student union around 2am. One of the students was 18 year old Johnny Evans, a freshman footballer for the minutemen. No one was ever arrested. The victim's names and conditions have not yet been released. Blaguszewski says Qutab is being charged with assault with intent to murder, armed home invasion, larceny from a building, and two counts of assault and battery with a deadly weapon.

**News**                                      **10/13/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Police say a Holden man tried to kill two students inside a UMass dorm. According to this UMass security report, aggravated assault on campus is down. But in the last two weeks there have been several violent incidents, including three stabbings. UMass spokesman Ed Blaguszewski says Murt-zaza Hanan Qutab beat one student in the head with a baseball bat. He then allegedly turned on another former fellow student, stabbing the student in the hand with a knife. Blaguszewski says the unidentified victims knew their attacker. Qutab is a 20 year old man from Holden, Massachusetts, who dropped out of UMass just last month. Some students who live on campus say they feel their building is safe and that the attack was an isolated incident. Qutab also stole two laptops, a cell phone and an I-pod. A UMass employee took down the fleeing assailant's license plate number and Qutab was arrested soon after by the Belchertown police.

**News**                                      **10/13/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

An officer serving the Barre police department finds himself on the wrong side of the law. The Worcester telegram and gazette is reporting that Daniel McCarthy of Monson was arraigned Friday on criminal charges involving a dog he allegedly shot outside a house last week while off-duty. The paper says the Barre police officer shot a dog on 26 Upper Palmer Road in Monson. According to a press release from Monson police the suspect was checking a mailbox when the dog started to bark, so he went back to his vehicle got a gun out of the glove compartment and shot the dog.

**News**                                      **10/13/07**                                      **11am**                                      **:30**

The owner of a Springfield laundry mat was robbed at gun-point. Springfield police captain Charles Arpin says the owner of south main laundry was behind the counter when the gunman demanded money then pistol whipped him. The victim describes his assailant as Hispanic, five feet eight inches tall and weighing about 180 pounds.



**News**                                      **10/13/07**                                      **11am**                                      **:30**

On East Mountain in Great Barrington, the deceased body of 24-year old William Friedman was found at East Rock by Berkshire mountain search and rescue. Friedman was reported missing by his mother after he didn't return home last Saturday. She told police she was worried something has happened to her son, who she said was an avid hiker. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

**News**                                      **10/13/07**                                      **11am**                                      **:30**

An Enfield police officer pulled over 21- year old William Downs, on Oakwood Street for an expired inspection sticker. Chief Carl Sferrazza says the officer smelt a pungent odor of marijuana. Police dogs confirmed the officer's instinct and found ten plastic bags of marijuana stuffed in a duffle bag, along with a cell phone and over one thousand dollars in cash. Downs, who is from Enfield, is being held on one hundred thousand dollar bail and is being charged with possession of 10 pounds of marijuana with intent to sell.

**News**                                      **10/14/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

A German Shepard mix is recovering after being shot this week in Monson. The man accused of shooting the dog was an off-duty police officer. The Worcester telegram and gazette is reporting that 31-year-old Daniel McCarthy shot seven year old Dakota, who looks similar to this Siberian husky German shepherd mix. The Worcester telegram and gazette says the officer has been suspended with pay pending an investigation into the case. McCarthy is scheduled to be arraigned Friday on charges of improper storage of a gun, discharging a gun within 500 feet of a house and animal cruelty.

**News**                                      **10/15/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

A former UMass student, 20 year old Murtaza Hanan Qutab of Holden will be in Hampshire county district court to face assault with intent to murder and other charges. He is accused of attacking two UMass students in a residency hall, striking one in the head with an aluminum bat, and cutting the other in the right hand.

**News**                                      **10/16/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

A Baystate student has been arrested after authorities found a list of classmates he allegedly planned to harm. The 14-year-old from Dighton is being held pending a dangerousness hearing. A search of his home turned up no weapons or other evidence that a crime was imminent.

**News**                                      **10/16/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

Police were called to the Woodcrest condominiums on 2205 Boston Road, in Wilbraham, after receiving reports of a shooting victim has been found, with a firearm found nearby. Police have taped off the area where the victim was discovered. Wilbraham police Chief Allen

Stratton says that they don't suspect foul play, but are continuing their investigation. The state police are assisting.

**News**                                      **10/16/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Two laptop computers with detailed personal information about hazardous materials commercial drivers are missing and considered stolen. The laptops belong to a contractor working for the transportation security administration. The laptops contain the names and personal information of nearly four thousand people.

**News**                                      **10/17/07**                                      **5:30am**                                      **:30**

In Springfield on Allen Street, at 2:30am a car crashes into a telephone pole. Springfield police Lt. Harry Kastrinoukis says that the driver fell asleep behind the wheel. Allen Street eastbound near Harkness avenue is shut down for now, but it should be reopened soon. Power was also knocked out to about one thousand customers for a short time.

**News**                                      **10/17/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield prosecutors wrapped up the third day of a high profile murder trial of a Hampden man accused of killing a 16-year old Wilbraham girl. Joshua Whitaker of Hampden is charged with the murder of 16 year old Kelsea Owens of Wilbraham.

Many of Owens family members filled the Hampden county court room today as bloody weights... A hammer, a log, and hedge trimmers were shown as part of the evidence presented in today's trial. This morning a state trooper and a state crime lab specialist, who were at the scene, took the stand. Trooper Dolan says the palm prints on the hedge trimmers match that of Whitakers. Whitaker has pleaded not guilty to murdering Owens on august 15, 2006. There is no word on whether he will take the stand in his defense.

**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

Josh Whitaker has been found guilty of first degree murder in the brutal killing of 16 year old Kelsea Owens of Wilbraham.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Criminal charges have been filed against a 76-year-old woman whose car crashed into a hospital entrance in Brockton, killing two staff members. Plymouth county district attorney Timothy Cruz has charged Jane Berghold with two counts of vehicular homicide and one count of driving to endanger. Berghold was at the wheel when her car plowed through the entrance of Brockton hospital's radiation treatment unit Monday.

**News**                                      **10/21/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In Chicopee a 10-year-old boy riding his bike was killed after he was run over by a truck. Lt. Tom Charette says that the boy, whose name isn't being released yet, was riding his bike on

a Meeting House Road side walk, and came across Peloquin Street. He was then run over by the truck that was making a right hand turn on Peloquin.

**News**                                      **10/21/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In Springfield, a man was stabbed in the right forearm at 875 State Street in the Mason Square section of the city says Capt. Joseph Parylak. He says they're looking for a white male, suspect about 5'8-5-9" tall, wearing dark clothing. Also in the same day, there was a minor stabbing at 70 Alexander Street when a man suffered a cut to the lip from scissors. A woman was arrested at the scene says Capt. Parylak. Plus on that day there was a home invasion at 24 Elizabeth Street in Springfield. Capt. Parylak says three shots were fired in the house. Five people were home at the time. Police are looking for two Hispanic male suspects in their 20's.

**News**                                      **10/22/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

A major drug bust gets nine guns and almost a hundred pounds of marijuana off the street. It took the cooperation of state, local and federal authorities. Law enforcement officials seized from two Springfield homes during a raid last week, now logged into evidence is between 80-100 pounds of marijuana, seven handguns, one semi-automatic assault rifle and well over 50 thousand dollars in cash. A total of 18 arrests were made while doing surveillance on the alleged drug trafficking business of 31 year old Garfield "Buju" Williams, he lives at 203 Jamaica Street in Springfield. District attorney William Bennett says some suspects have prior records, and could face federal charges as well. District attorney William Bennett says seeing the drugs and weapons together laid out on one table like that shows the clear link between drugs and violence. Agencies including the state police, D-E-A, and the U-S Marshall's service each had a part in this investigation.

**News**                                      **10/22/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30.**

Workers at Fathers and Sons auto dealership in West Springfield were shaken by a shooting in the parking lot that shattered a showroom window. Witnesses say a maroon Toyota Camry with three or four young men in it, sped away seconds after the shooting. Fathers and sons manager David Shlosser said he heard two gun shots and then the crash of cascading glass. Three cars were damaged by the falling glass, but Fathers and Sons remain open for business. West Springfield Police Captain John Ferrerini says that two girls were shot with a pellet gun just minutes after the Fathers and Sons incident, just down the street from the dealership. Ferrerini says those shots also came from a maroon Camry. The girls suffered minor injuries.

**News**                                      **10/24/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

In Connecticut there are new details of what happened to a mother and her two daughters during a home invasion in Connecticut. Search warrants released and say the suspects poured gasoline on and around the Jennifer Hawke Petit and her 17 and 11 year old daughters Hayley and Michaela, then set the house on fire and fled. The 11 warrants released by a judge provide the first official version of the events of July 23. The three were

killed during the attack, but Dr. William Petit survived after being badly beaten. Joshua Komisarjevsky of Cheshire and Steven Hayes of Winsted face capital felony and multiple murder, kidnapping, sexual assault and arson charges in connection with the killings. They are scheduled to appear November sixth in superior court for probable cause hearings.

**News**                                      **10/25/07**                                      **5:30am**                                      **:30**

A father in Fairfield, Connecticut is spending time in jail. Police said he tortured his son over homework. 41-year old David Rodriguez is accused of tying his 13-year old son to a pole in his basement and beating him with a two-by-four. Police say the beating was prompted because the father thought the boy was doing his homework too slow. The boy's sister freed him after the father left the house and the kids called 9-1-1. Police arrested Rodriguez as he was trying to leave the state. He is facing several assault charges. The boy and his sister are now with their mother, who was not at home at the time of the attack.

**News**                                      **10/25/07**                                      **5:30am**                                      **:30**

Police say that 17-year old Ryan Osbourne, a student at Agawam High School, was allegedly planning a shooting at the Thanksgiving game pep rally. Classmates also said Osbourne allegedly told them he'd use Molotov cocktails to firebomb the entrances to the gym during the rally. A judge ordered Osbourne held without bail until a hearing on Friday. The principal of Agawam High says all procedures in this case were followed... And that he wants to thank the students who weren't afraid to speak up to their teachers about the threats that they had heard.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Hampden county prosecutors have decided not to go forward with the murder case against Calvin Roberson right now. The 24-year-old Springfield man is charged with killing a Springfield nail salon owner during a robbery last December. Hampden county district attorney William Bennett will only say that the case needs "further investigation."

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

One man is in critical condition after being stabbed in the neck with a broken bottle in Springfield. This happened at 47 Jefferson Ave. Springfield police captain Joseph Paralac says a suspect has been arrested. The victim has been transported to Baystate Medical Center.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In Springfield, on Mill Street, a three year old girl, Luz "Lucy" nearly drowns in her bath tub. Omayra Santos Lucy's aunt heard everybody screaming, and ran to the living room where she seen the mother with the baby. The baby was really blue and was not breathing. Omayra Santos went into "automatic" mode once she realized her 3 year old niece Luz "Lucy" had drowned in the tub and wasn't breathing. Santos says she hit the emergency button on her alarm system and went to work on her lifeless niece. Omayra grabbed the baby ran into the

kitchen, put her on a flat surface checked that she was not breathing, no pulse, no nothing. Omayra started doing CPR, the baby was responding, breathing, and vomiting, she then twists her to her side. Luz has Cerebral Palsy and a feeding tube in her stomach, they say the mother had turned her back to figure out how to clean it properly while she was in the bathtub when the accident happened Santos says she was beyond relieved when little Luz began to cry. When the baby left Mill Street she was breathing, crying and vomiting. According to Springfield police Sergeant Trent Duda, little Luz is currently listed in stable condition right here at Baystate.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In West Springfield on Memorial Ave, October 19, a man robbed a Dunkin Donuts. A heavysset man passed a note demanding money. He left with an unknown amount of cash. Detective Scott Talbot believes the suspect was in the store the night before, wearing a black puma t-shirt and the same hat. West side police says they believe this is the same man who robbed a subway restaurant the very next day.

**News**                                      **10/28/07**                                      **7am**                                      **:30**

A Bridgeport Connecticut man gets 12 years in prison for attacking his wife with a knife, then ordering their toddler to "stab mommy." Fermin Rodriguez was sentenced Friday in connection with the march stabbing and slashing, in which his wife - was injured. She has recovered from her physical wounds.

**News**                                      **10/28/07**                                      **7am**                                      **:30**

In Portsmouth, New Hampshire, police are investigating the death of a homeless man after he allegedly snorted heroin at a party organized to watch a red sox game last weekend. Two people were charged with drug offenses, but police said if toxicology tests prove, 36-year-old Anthony Foshier, died from the heroin he allegedly snorted, the charges will be upgraded to reflect homicide.

**News**                                      **10/28/07**                                      **7am**                                      **:30**

A 14-year-old boy was arrested in Kingston-- New Hampshire after two classmates overdosed on over-the-counter medicine he allegedly gave them. The Sanborn Regional High School students were taken to Exeter hospital on Friday. Their conditions are unknown.

**News**                                      **10/28/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

Three men remained hospitalized after being shot in Holyoke. Police Lt. Donald Whelihan says it appears all three shootings took place in the vicinity of Worcester place around 3:30am. Two men are being treated for gunshot wounds to the shoulder and hand at Holyoke hospital. A third is at Baystate Medical Center, the most seriously injured -- shot in the neck. The shootings appear to be related -- though no arrests have been made and police are getting little cooperation. Each is expected to survive.

**News**                                      **10/30/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

An East Windsor Connecticut police officer is in federal custody this morning on charges of using the internet to lure an underage girl to have sex with him. FBI agents arrested 38-year-old officer Darren Seligman at the East Windsor police department. He was ordered held without bond pending a hearing in Hartford federal court.

**News**                                      **10/30/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

The former social services coordinator for the Wilbraham senior center has pleaded not guilty to charges she stole \$100,000 from a man who was a client at the center. Prosecutors allege Bridget Wallace opened a joint account with the man. Wallace -- who left her job in July -- is also accused of closing out an account of a woman who died.

**News**                                      **10/30/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Chicopee police arrested 43 year old Rene Lafrenaye of 84 Sheppard Street in Chicopee on a warrant for rape of a child with force. Detective Eric Watson is currently conducting a through investigation into further allegations of child pornography, and child molestation dating from as early as 1998. The investigation has identified multiple child victims. This is an ongoing investigation by the Chicopee police department detective bureau and they are requesting the public's assistance with any further information or other victims.

**News**                                      **10/31/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

A Ludlow restaurant owner appeared in court to face assault and drug charges. Francisco Evangelista, owner of Franks Diner is charged with assault and battery, possession of drugs with intent to distribute and trafficking cocaine. Lt. Robert Rodriguez says police received a call from a neighbor who said they heard screams coming from Evangelista's apt at 227 State Street in Ludlow. Police say Evangelists had beaten his girlfriend. But they say that's not the only thing they found, they seized 28 grams of cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Evangelista's restaurant, Frank's Diner has been a landmark mark for nearly half a century in downtown Ludlow. Evangelista will be back in court for a pre-trial hearing on December 3rd

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Security has been heightened at MT. Holyoke College in South Hadley after a student was allegedly assaulted. The campus public safety department stepped up patrols at the school after a student says she was sexually assaulted by a man in the woods near two residence halls and said he had a knife. Some parents and South Hadley residents are angry they weren't informed sooner about the incident, but a MT. Holyoke spokesman says the entire campus was notified by e-mail within 16 hours of the alleged attack. Public safety was first alerted to this later Sunday afternoon, they were alerted through the campus health center about an incident that had happened early that morning at 2am. Police describe the suspect as a lanky 20-to-30 year old man with a light beard and a light colored sweatshirt.

**News**

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A woman charged with burning down a Pagan Church in Belchertown has been sentenced to prison. 45-year-old Evan Walgren pleads guilty in Hampshire county superior court to arson and malicious destruction of property. She'll serve three to four years behind bars. Authorities say she set fire to the gulf road home the same day she was arrested for confronting the occupants and smashing its windows. Walgren's father, a man known as "Eric the rat", built the house but left it to the church when he died in 1998. Evan Walgren claimed she was the rightful owner.

**News**

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A Holyoke teenager is recovering this after being struck in the eye with a paint ball. Holyoke police Lt. Michael Higgins said the 13 year old boy suffered a very serious eye injury and is being treated at Holyoke Medical Center. Higgins says the boy was walking home on Roberto Clemente Street in south Holyoke when he was hit. Witnesses at the scene alerted police to a black Pontiac. A short time later Holyoke police stopped a black Pontiac with four males and at least one paintball gun inside. Higgins says since the victim was undergoing surgery and was not available to identify his assailants... police took photographs of the four males and their identifications for use in the ongoing investigation. in all...there were 27 different calls of paintball damage...and it Higgins says the Holyoke police department confiscated 8 paintball guns.

**News**

**11/1/07**

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Prosecutors are dropping their case against a former Ludlow teacher accused of making a false bomb threat at an elementary school. A judge ruled earlier this month that a videotape from a school security camera could not be used in Tina fisher's trial. The 37-year-old Westfield woman had been charged after a note was found on a wall at East Elementary School in October 2006. The school was evacuated but no bomb was found. Fisher denied the accusation. The videotape showed fisher walking toward the wall, and then the note, but did not show her placing a note. Her attorney said she was accused on faulty evidence. Fisher was fired after working at the school for five years. She's appealing to the state to get her job back.

**News**

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A Chicopee man, and leader of the Diablo's motorcycle gang, has been sentenced up to 10 years in prison. Keith Gallagher pleads guilty to cocaine trafficking in Hampden superior court. Gallagher is the vice president of the California-based Diablo's. He was arrested in December 2005 in a regional crackdown on the gang. Police say the 52-year-old Chicopee resident sold cocaine to an undercover officer numerous times.

**News**                                      **11/3/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Springfield police are looking for an apparent gang member who shot 22year old Nester Sostre in the left leg. Police Captain Peter Dillion says the victim is not cooperating, posing a problem for police. The shooting happened just after 11:30pm at 137 Johnson Street in the forest park section of the city.

**News**                                      **11/4/07**                                      **7am**                                      **:30**

In Springfield, concert at the Hippodrome featuring an R and B group "Trey Songz" had just let out...when a man from East Hartford Connecticut allegedly opened fire into the crowd. According to Captain Peter Dillon, two officers were initially dispatched to the hippodrome for a melee in progress in the rear parking lot. The cops pulled up and witnessed 29 year old Anthony Williams of West Hartford, CT firing off rounds from a 9 millimeter semi automatic into the crowd. He reportedly hit 21-year-old Darnel Macintosh of Hartford once in the thigh. Williams was quickly cuffed and stuffed in the back of a cruiser. 28-year old Jasper Murray, the lead singer of R and B group Trey Songz, two members of his entourage and an unruly concertgoer was also arrested. They'll all be in court tomorrow. Captain Dillon says all of the concertgoers go through metal detectors before heading inside and the concert itself was calm.

**News**                                      **11/4/07**                                      **7am**                                      **:30**

Springfield police are putting a stop on the prostitution problem targeting specific areas of the city. This is an ongoing problem of prostitution that plagues the streets of Springfield night after night. Springfield Police Captain Peter Dillion says four people were arrested for prostitution overnight Friday into Saturday, in the south end and lower forest park sections of the city. The detail was carried out by the police departments South Division and the Vice Control Bureau.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

In Holyoke one of the ten most wanted has been found, 23 year old Jayson Quinones was taken into custody over the weekend after Holyoke police informed Hartford police that he might be staying at a home there. Quinone is wanted for murder and other charges in connection with the April 20 shooting that killed 22-year-old Gabriel Hernandez of Springfield. Investigators believe the shooting was gang-related. Quinone is the fourth person charged in the case.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

In Holyoke, an operation called "Take Back out Streets" has two alleged criminals off the streets. According to police Chief Anthony Scott, police arrested 40-year old Luis Rivera, a wanted fugitive in Florida and Pennsylvania. He was arrested after police were tipped off that he may be hiding out at 40 Suffolk Street in Holyoke. Rivera broke out of a prison in



Allentown, Pennsylvania. He is also wanted in Florida for allegedly violating his probation on an armed robbery charge.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

An East Hartford, Connecticut man faces felony charges after this weekend's shooting outside the hippodrome nightclub in Springfield. Springfield police spokeswoman Jennifer Flagg says police responded to a disturbance outside the hippodrome after a concert Saturday night. Officers say they heard gunshots. Police say 29-year old Anthony Williams ran away when they ordered him to drop the weapon. Police apprehended Williams after a short chase. Anthony Williams was ordered held on 100-thousand dollars bail after pleading "not guilty" to charges of assault with intent to murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. He returns to Springfield district court December 14th.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Christopher Farr was arrested in Greenfield while working at home depot. Prosecutors ran through his rap sheet in court, and the latest charge he's answering to...is child rape. 20-year-old Christopher Farr stood emotionless in Greenfield court as prosecutors painted a disturbing picture about his Saturday night activities along Montague's bike path off depot road. He allegedly sexually assaulted a 15-year-old autistic girl from Turners Falls as her friend watched in horror. She told him to stop several times and tried to get away from the defendant, in response to that he sat on her. Farr reportedly intoxicated, arranged for the three to meet around 9pm this incident didn't have anything to do with the bike path it was a meeting point between the prep and the young ladies. The prosecutor argued for high bail, telling the judge Farr has been in and out of Massachusetts courts for the past six years. Farr pleaded not guilty to the charges, and was ordered held on 10 thousand dollars cash bail, 100 thousand dollars surety.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In Holyoke, two men are under arrest after allegedly failing to stop for state police. It happened near Winter Street. State Police say they sped away in a stolen car and bailed out a couple blocks away. Trooper Tremblay says state police arrested both suspects around six tonight. Trooper Tremblay says a search of the stolen car turned up some cocaine and a unregistered gun. The two face arraignment tomorrow in Holyoke district court.

**News**                                      **11/6/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

In Springfield, police are at Memorial Bridge, where there was a discovered a body under the bridge. Police says the body was found in a few feet out into the water, just north of the bridge. It's known of the person's gender or how they died. The fire department was called in to remove the body.

**News**                                      **11/8/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Chicopee police are continuing their investigation after a bicyclist was killed on memorial drive yesterday afternoon. It happened on at the intersection of memorial drive and Westover road. Chicopee Police Lieutenant Rich Nunes told says the man was struck and killed by a passing car. The victim has been identified as 60 year old roger Nadeau of Chicopee. The driver of the car is 52 year old Susan Marchetti of South Hadley. The accident is still under investigation.

**News**                                      **11/9/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

In Litchfield, Connecticut, state police are seeking a manslaughter suspect who escaped from the custody of judicial marshals. State police say 28-year-old Russell Perillo was wearing a yellow prison-issue jumpsuit when he got away from marshals. He was shackled to other prisoners in a van transporting them to court...but that he managed during the ride to free himself and fled after jumping out and struggling with marshals. Perillo was due in Litchfield court for the death of his wife, 35-year-old Wendy Jackson-Perillo last June. He is charged with first-degree manslaughter.

**News**                                      **11/9/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

In Springfield, there was an attempted robbery at wheeler's convenience store, followed by gunshots firing inside the store. Spokesperson Marcia Brown says a young man tried to rob the store, the clerk was pistol-whipped. The clerk disarmed the subject--but at some point shots was fired. Over a half hour, the police followed a trail of blood. The blood leads them to the alleged suspects. Officer Marcia Brown, of the Springfield police department, says that the suspect was 19 year old Abraham Ramos of Springfield. Ramos was found in a home on Draper Street. He was apprehended and put aboard a stretcher and then an ambulance headed to Baystate Medical Center. Ramos suffered a gunshot wound and he faces numerous charges including armed assault with intent to rob.

**News**                                      **11/9/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

A Connecticut woman is charged with stealing more than half of a million dollars worth of artwork from public places. The nearly 200 paintings and sculptures were found inside of a home in Waterbury, Connecticut. Police say the woman stole the artwork from libraries, museums and schools during business hours. The most expensive piece of art is a painting from the 1600's worth 50-thousand dollars that was taken from a church.

**News**                                      **11/10/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

A West Hartford man charged in the case of a runaway teenage girl from Bloomfield is apparently ready to plead guilty. Attorney Gerald Klein says his client, 41-year-old Adam Gault, will plead guilty to charges that could send him to prison for the rest of his life. Klein says the plea agreement is still being finalized. Gaul faces sexual assault, kidnapping, and other charges in connection with a 14 year old girl's year-long disappearance. The girl was found at his home over the summer.

**News**                                      **11/10/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

A boy in Springfield is recovering in the hospital after being shot in the ear with a paintball gun. It happen on Dawson Street, the victim told police the shots came from a home on Dawson Street. Police continue to search for suspects. The boy is expected to be ok.

**News**                                      **11/10/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

A Lawrence Police officer and a Police trainee have been fired for allegedly using a department issued credit card to gas up their own vehicles. Chief John Romero says they filled up their personal vehicles at a station next to police headquarters using the department card over a period of time.

**News**                                      **11/12/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A teen was injured after a shooting in Springfield over the weekend. The man was shot in the back around two Sunday morning while walking down Massasoit Street. The victim was badly wounded, but is expected to be ok.

**News**                                      **11/12/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A major heroin and cocaine drug bust puts ten people behind bars over the weekend in Springfield. Sgt. David Kane says, plain clothes officers watched multiple drug deals in the area of North Main Street Saturday morning near the Gerena Magnet School on Bernie Avenue. Nearly a dozen alleged dealers and drug addicts were arrested between the hours of 5 and 8 am. All were taken in on charges of possession and distribution.

**News**                                      **11/12/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

On Veterans Day in Hampshire county community were where 14 arrests made in Amherst in just two days. Several of the 14 arrests were made from disorderly conduct, noise complaints or disturbances. **5 of those fourteen** arrests were people driving under the influence. In one case, a drunk driver crashed and town property was damaged. In a residential area on bay road three guardrails were knocked down by a driver who fled the accident scene after crashing. The driver left behind the vehicle and evidence, to police alcohol played a major factor. We spoke with Amherst police detective Jim Demores today who says the operator of the vehicle was found and faces a slew of motor vehicle charges.

**News**                                      **11/13/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A man from Palmer who escaped from a police holding cell and sparked a massive search by state and local police is now in custody and will be arraigned. Michael McMahon, ran out of the palmer lockup, surrendered to police yesterday. Palmer police arrested McMahon on Sunday morning on domestic violence related charges. Police searched for him throughout the night before he turned himself into police yesterday afternoon. McMahon will be arraigned this morning on the original charges for which he was arrested and an additional charge relating to his alleged escape from custody.

**News**                                      **11/14/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Some Massachusetts prison inmates and their families are hoping a change in sentencing laws will allow them an early release from prison. The U.S. sentencing commission recently eased the penalties for the sale and possession of crack cocaine-- bringing them closer to the penalties that exist for powdered cocaine. But now the panel is considering a move that would make the change retroactive. That would allow about 20-thousand inmates nationwide to apply for a reduction in their sentences. Release would not be automatic. A judge would have the final say in each case.

**News**                                      **11/15/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

A man is dead after a car crash in Agawam, on route 57 eastbound near the mill exit. State trooper Jeff Perry says 45 year old Jack Gurtin of Feeding Hills was killed when the pickup he was driving rear ended another car and then went off the road. Gurtin was ejected from the car and was pronounced dead on arrival. State police are reconstructing the accident to figure out what went wrong.

**News**                                      **11/15/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

A gun shop owner is held at gunpoint by two men, during a robbery of his store. The men entered the store and forced the store owner to get down on the floor while the other grabbed guns out of display cases. At least 50 handguns were stolen.

**News**                                      **11/15/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Greenfield police have released the names of five people who were arrested and charged on Wednesday on various drug offenses. Greenfield detective Kevin Rowell of the Hampshire and Franklin county task force...along with the state police narcotics unit executed a search warrant for the first floor at 40 Colrain Street in Greenfield. Jamie Sears and Jessica Lawlor of Greenfield...Mary Jane Morse of Wendell and Ronald Fisher senior of Turners Falls were charged with possession of cocaine. Henry Ellis of Lawrenceville Georgia was also arrested for possession and intent to distribute cocaine within one thousand feet of a school zone. All five were booked at the Greenfield police department.

**News**                                      **11/15/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield police are asking for help in identifying an armed robbery suspect. A man is accused of holding up the Tedeschi Foods convenience store on Boston road. According to police spokesperson Marcia Brown... The suspect entered the store armed with a knife and demanded money. He then fled with an undetermined amount of cash. No one was injured in the incident.

**News**                      **11/16/07**                      **6am**                      **:30**

A suspect in a hit and run accident in Belchertown will be held on 30-thousand dollars bail 25-year old Andre Dewdney is accused of hitting Joseph Mailhott with his car in the parking lot of McCarthy's bar Wednesday night. Dewdney is facing several charges including leaving the scene of personal injury accident resulting in death. Dewdney returns to court November 21st.

**News**                      **11/17/07**                      **6pm**                      **:30**

Holyoke police and federal postal inspectors have reportedly broken up a daring drug smuggling operation involving a huge amount of cocaine. Holyoke Police Chief Anthony Scott says how three local men went to the post office to pick up a package containing half a million dollars in cocaine sent from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Scott says the postal inspectors became suspicious. They and Holyoke police were waiting when the suspects tried to make the pick up. Police arrested 39 year old Eduardo Rodriguez of Springfield, 43 year old Edwin Santana of Springfield and 30 year old Juan Velez of Holyoke. They're charged with trafficking in cocaine and a drug violation near a school. The three are held under high bail in one case held without bail for a court appearance.

**News**                      **11/18/07**                      **7am**                      **:30**

Police were forced to draw their guns while responding to a call at One Stop Discount Liquor Store on Central Street after hearing shots fired. When officers arrived... They were greeted by a man aiming-- what appeared to be a rifle at them. Cops surrounded the fellow -- with their guns drawn and calmed the assailant. The man was arrested and what appeared to be a rifle, actually turned out to be a B-B- gun.

**News**                      **11/18/07**                      **7am**                      **:30**

An undercover operation took 7 people off the streets for soliciting sex. Lieutenant Slepchuck says plain- clothed Springfield police officers hit the streets in the lower Belmont and lower main street sections of the city. All 7 were taken in on prostitution charges.

**News**                      **11/18/07**                      **7am**                      **:30**

A sobriety checkpoint by local and state police, took 13 intoxicated drivers off the roadway overnight. The checkpoint was set up on West Columbus Ave outside the William Sullivan visitor and information center. State Trooper Eric Benson said a total of 328 cars were stopped. Police issued 61 civil motor vehicle infractions ranging from broken headlights to expired registration.

**News**                      **11/18/07**                      **9am**                      **:30**

Police are on the look out for the driver of a \*car\*. That made a big splash in a Springfield homeowner's backyard in the middle of the night. The homeowner with the swimming pool couldn't have been more surprised when she found out a car would have to be fished out of her pool. But as coincidence would have it, Karin Silva says, this wasn't the first time her pool became a magnet for an errant driver.

**News**                                      **11/19/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Springfield police Caption Peter Dillion says a family woke up after hearing people in their home at 21 Ardmore Street. The family went downstairs and discovered 2 men broke into the house. They were in the process of taking the flat screen TV when the family confronted them. Police have the 2 suspects in custody but their names are not being released at this time.

**News**                                      **11/19/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

A Lowell toddler whose lip was allegedly bitten off by a 26-year-old man is improving after the attack. Thy Chan of Lowell is accused of biting the boy's lip off at an apartment unit in Lowell. A judge ordered Chan held on \$25-thousand dollars bail during an arraignment in a Lowell hospital room where Chan is under police guard.

**News**                                      **11/19/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

State police are investigating a fatal pedestrian crash on interstate 291 West in Springfield. State troopers responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian on interstate 291 West at exit 2B in Springfield that resulted in the death of the pedestrian. Trooper Jarred Tiberi says that the pedestrian was walking from the median onto the westbound travel lanes of route 291, and was struck in the left travel lane by three different cars and possibly a fourth. The pedestrian was killed on impact and pronounced dead at the scene. The victim's name is being withheld pending proper notification. Due to the investigation the ramp from route 291 west to route 91 north is presently closed, but is not expected to remain closed through the morning commute.

**News**                                      **11/20/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A Ludlow teacher once accused of making a false bomb threat will be back in the classroom for a second day today. Tina fisher was fired from the East Street School, in October of 2006... After being arrested and accused of making a threat against the school. But an arbitrator ordered fisher's reinstatement, after the charges against her were dropped. Jane Wilson was permitted to speak with the teacher outside of the classroom. Ludlow schools superintendent Theresa Kane told us the district is trying to manage a difficult situation, balancing the rights of the teacher with the concerns of some parents.

**News**                                      **11/24/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

Black Friday bargains for a shopper in Holyoke turned terrifying after being robbed at gunpoint. Holyoke and state police were called to the Holyoke mall around 11 last night for an

armed robbery in the Macy's parking lot. Police say the black Friday bandit pointed a gun at the shopper and demanded merchandise. The suspect then took off.

**News**                                      **11/24/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

The man who allegedly repeatedly raped one of his students during the 1990's is 51 year old Steven Infante of Boston. He denies committing those morals offenses. And now the associated press reports that Infante had been barred from a national gymnastics organization in 1998 for allegedly having sexual contact with his students. USA gymnastics concluded the allegations were true but Infante was never actually charged. The associated press also reports that Infante is president of the five star gymnastic overnight camps which most recently was held in Springfield.

**News**                                      **11/26/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In Springfield, police arrested four people and charged them with trafficking heroin, possession of heroin with intent to distribute, and illegal possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony: officers arrested twenty two year old Damion Pettus of 45 Parkin street twenty one year old Jonathan Carmenatty of 39 Knox street 26 year old Neftaly Martinez of federal street along with a juvenile.. When police made the arrests, they found a 9mm semi automatic pistol, ammunition, crack cocaine and heroin, and drug packaging material.

**News**                                      **11/26/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield police say they've arrested a graffiti suspect from the weekend. Just after two o'clock Sunday morning, officers allegedly observed Zachary Buehner of Northampton using a can of spray paint to deface buildings. They arrested him for defacing property and violating the city ordinance for graffiti. They found two cans of spray paint and extra nozzles when they took him into custody.

**News**                                      **11/27/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A man from Milford will be held without bail pending a mental evaluation after allegedly stabbing his wife to death in their home. 63-year old Joseph Ventola was arraigned yesterday. Worcester county district attorney Joseph early says Ventola phoned 911 and said he had killed his wife.

**News**                                      **11/28/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

West Springfield police need help identifying a suspect accused of robbing a West Springfield hotel. Police detective Scott Manser says, that the man approached the front desk, just before 1 a-m on November 24th. He asked for change for a dollar bill... And when the clerk opened the drawer... The man leaned over the counter and took the entire cash drawer. `Detective Manser says that the name of the hotel is not being released, because the hotel owner fears the loss of business.

**News**                                      **11/28/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield police this noon aren't releasing the name of the man who was shot in the stomach last night in Springfield. Springfield police spokesperson Marcia brown says that the shooting happened at 127 Leyfred Terrace around 9:30 pm. The victim was taken to Baystate Medical Center to be treated for a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Brown says the victim was uncooperative....but witnesses say four suspects were involved.

**News**                                      **11/28/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Holyoke police say they prevented 800 grams of pure heroin from hitting the street. Police arrested 31-year-old Sheila Maldonado and charged her with a number of drug trafficking violations. Maldonado appeared in court today where she was ordered held on 100-thousand dollars cash bail. Federal authorities tipped off Holyoke police that a drug delivery would take place at 95 North East Street in Holyoke. Chief Scott says Maldonado has been arraigned fourteen times in western Massachusetts courtrooms.

**News**                                      **11/28/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Northampton police continue to search for the person responsible for a bank hold-up. Yesterday, the freedom credit union located at the stop and shop plaza on king street was robbed. A man entered the credit union shortly after noontime. He handed the teller a note demanding money. No weapon was shown. The man got away with over 2-thousand dollars. The suspect is described as a white male, in his early 30's... 5-feet- 5 inches tall and about 140 pounds. He was wearing a dark colored shirt, jeans and a dark tan canvas hat with a brim that went around the entire hat.

**News**                                      **11/29/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

The mother of a local football star has been upgraded to serious condition after a terrible accident in Holyoke Tuesday night....and the driver of the pick up truck that hit her ...has been arrested on unrelated drug charges. 51 year old Barbara Veillette of Westfield was hit as she crossed the street on her way to a high school football playoff game at Roberts's field. Her son Ryan scored two touchdowns that helped Westfield high beat central 30 to 12. He didn't know what happened to his mom...until after the game was over. Barbara Veillette has been upgraded serious condition at Baystate Medical Center. Trooper Perry from the Massachusetts state police in Springfield said that the driver of the vehicle... Gabriel Rodriguez of Springfield was arrested early this morning....and charged with an unrelated offense possession of crack cocaine. The investigation into the accident is ongoing.

**News**                                      **11/30/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A Turners Falls man awaits sentencing after admitting he robbed three banks in New Hampshire in August and September. Robert Clark pleaded guilty to robbing TD Banknorth locations in Keene, Wilton and Troy. He was arrested in September after trying to flee from



state police after a vehicle stop. He pleaded guilty in federal district court in concord Wednesday.

**News** **12/1/07** **11pm** **:30**

14 suspected Springfield drug dealers are hauled away from their homes at Mallory Village at Putnam Circle and into jail. One by one, nine suspects were loaded into white vans bound for the booking room at Springfield police headquarters. Silence from one suspect who police say was active in the Springfield drug trade for some months. With the help of state and federal authorities 5 search warrants were executed -- some with force after two months of undercover work. Police officers removed crack cocaine, heroin and cash from several apartments. This mother watched in tears as her son was led outside in cuffs. While Claudia Melendez claimed to be surprised, other east Springfield residents are not. Police hope they've wiped it out, aiming to restore the quality of life. The arrests followed a lengthy investigation according to Springfield police captain John Barbieri that said officers confiscated 38 thousand dollars in cash, plus small quantities of heroin, cocaine, morphine, annex and Ritalin.

**News** **12/2/07** **11pm** **:30**

Springfield police captain Charles Arpin says the holdup man convinced the clerk at the CVS store at 600 State Street that he had a gun. He's supposed to have told the clerk "give me the money or I'll shoot you". The clerk never actually saw a gun, but when the thief was leaving the store he reportedly dropped a kitchen knife. Arpin says the clerk describes the thief as a tall black man wearing a dark blue hoodie.

**News** **12/4/07** **5am** **:30**

A man from Springfield who was in a standoff with police in Hamden will be held without the right to bail. 22-year old Christian Barbee was arrested in his ex-girlfriend's home on Wilbraham road. Barbee is accused of attempted rape, breaking and entering and assault and battery. He'll return to court tomorrow for a hearing to determine whether he is too dangerous to be released.

**News** **12/7/07** **6am** **:30**

A doctor from Agawam resigned amid allegations of misconduct. The statement of allegations which the board of registration in medicine alleged against Dr. Michael Jawitz in June claims the doctor engaged in sexual misconduct with patients, practiced medicine while impaired by drugs or alcohol... Permitted an unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license.... And engaged in conduct that undermines public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession.

**News** **12/7/07** **6am** **:30**

A man accused of stealing financial information and money from hundreds of Stop and Shop customers, has been sentenced to six years in prison. Prosecutors say Mikael Stepanian and four others targeted at least six supermarkets in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Investigators say the group would enter a store, distract the employees, and then swap a store pin pad reader for a device that secretly recorded credit and debit card information. They could do it in 12 seconds.

<b>News</b>	<b>12/7/07</b>	<b>12pm</b>	<b>:30</b>
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Rhode Island police have arrested a man from Milford ...wanted for robbing this new Alliance Bank in Ludlow. Woonsocket police arrested Paul Molloy. A check of Molloy's finger prints revealed he was wanted in Wrentham as well as Ludlow. Detective Sergeant Tom Foye says Molloy has confessed. He's expected to be arraigned on the bank robbery charges soon.

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In Indian Orchard, police were called to Christy's Lounge on Main Street around midnight. Springfield police department spokesperson Marcia brown says, that a man was stabbed twice in the lower back....police are not releasing his name. The victim was taken to Baystate Medical Center for observation...and he's expected to recover. Police are still looking for a suspect described as either a black or Hispanic male... In his late 20's to early 30's.

News	12/8/07	9am	:30
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In Connecticut, Bridgeport authorities are trying to pinpoint the cause of a fire at a multifamily apartment building that killed three people and sent four others to the hospital Friday. The fire broke out early in the morning on Fairfield Avenue. A father, mother and a child were found dead. Authorities are also searching for a fourth person who may have died in the fire, which spread to two other buildings.

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31- year old Brimfield man is held without the right to bail after his arraignment on possible hate crimes. Mark Waite pleaded not guilty to vandalism, two counts of criminal harassment, property damage to intimidate, and a civil rights violation in Palmer November 29th... Waite is scheduled for a hearing in Palmer December 11th.

<b>News</b>	<b>12/8/07</b>	<b>11pm</b>	<b>:30</b>
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A Springfield man allegedly tried to murder his live-in girlfriend. Springfield police captain Peter Dillon says, Robert Crooms was arrested and charged with attempted murder, after he allegedly stabbed his girlfriend at the couple's home at 19 Ashley Street in the cities mason square neighborhood. 45 year old Christy Robertson was rushed to Baystate Medical Center. Captain Dillon said she suffered stab wounds to her chest and her stomach. In spite of the

serious wounds she is expected to recover. Crooms will answer the charges in Springfield district court on Monday.

**News**                                      **12/9/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

A man was jumped while walking home from a bus stop just after 11 last night. He was mugged and brutally stabbed in the face while walking up Liberty Street. The man walked to Mercy Medical Center for treatment of lacerations to his face and neck. He's expected to be ok.

**News**                                      **12/11/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

A hit and run accident sent a Springfield man to the hospital overnight... And police made an arrest. The accident happened just before one this morning near 6-44 Boston road. Springfield police sergeant David Kane says a 22 year old man riding a bike, was struck by a truck with a snow plow and the driver sped off. The driver is 24 year old Brad Budlong of Wilbraham, he now faces several charges including driving with a revoked license. The victim was taken to Baystate with non-life threatening injuries.

**News**                                      **12/11/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Springfield police are still looking for the gunman in a weekend shooting outside the Greek Cultural Center in the north end. It happened as a sweet 16 celebration was underway inside. The festivity turned violent outside...as two teenagers were shot...one in the nose the other in the hand with the same bullet. The mother who rented out the facility says strangers are to blame. This is the first time there's been a violent incident at the Greek cultural in 30 years of operation. Church officials say they feel violated, since they consider this a sacred space. As a result, father Christopher Stamas, says there will be policy changes here. Renters will be required to hire a police officer for their event. Also, no alcohol will be served if the event is for a minor.

**News**                                      **12/11/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

New developments confirmed murder of a pizza delivery man. The man accused of the crime appeared in court to face charges connected to the stabbing death of 20-year old Corey Lind of Chicopee. Corey was delivering pizzas Saturday morning when he was allegedly lured by someone who had ordered a pizza, but instead had evil intentions. 28-year old Alex Morales walked into court with his head hung low and stood behind his attorney during his arraignment. Morales pleaded not guilty to charges of kidnapping, assault and battery with knife, carjacking and the murder of Corey Lind. He was ordered held without the right to bail. Prosecutors allege Morales ordered a pizza with the intention of stealing the delivery man's car. When Corey Lind arrived at the delivery location in Springfield, Morales allegedly stabbed, took control of the car, and drove to Monson where he stabbed him several more times until he died. The district attorney said there appears to be absolutely no connection between Alex Morales and Corey Lind and that the murder is random. Phone records led police to Alex Morales in Springfield where he was arrested.

**News**                                      **12/11/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Police are investigating the death of a Mount Holyoke student. Police says that the body of Kelly Sottile was found in her dorm room. State police and the medical examiner investigated the death throughout the day. At this point, they have not ruled on a cause of death, but foul play is not suspected. Sottile was a senior at the college, majoring in English.

**News**                                      **12/11/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A Hamden county superior court jury has resumed deliberations in a double murder trial in Springfield. The jury started discussing the case of Brian Cavitt at about 12:30 in the afternoon. Prosecutors say Cavitt stabbed an elderly Springfield couple to death and then set their apartment on fire. Edelmire Miranda and Milagros Rosario were killed in May of 2006. The jury deliberated about three and a half hours before the judge sent them home yesterday.

**News**                                      **12/12/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

An argument caused a lot of commotion in Chicopee. A dispute between two men shut down parts of Grattan Street in the Aldenville section of the city. Chicopee lieutenant Michael Triznadel says someone pulled a gun after an argument over money. George Cook told police a man he knew came to his house and demanded money. No one was hurt. Police are still looking for the suspect.

**News**                                      **12/12/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

A pedestrian has been hurt after a hit and run accident in Springfield. Police captain Joseph Paralyk says it happened just after nine o'clock on State and Homer Street. Officers on scene said that as many as two cars could have hit the victim. Only the second driver stopped. The first remains at large. Fortunately, the male victim suffered minor injuries.

**News**                                      **12/13/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Fire officials say it could have been an act of arson that destroyed several apartments and businesses in downtown Shelburne Falls. Trooper Gerald Perwak says fire could have been set, and police are offering a 5-thousand dollar reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction. The building's owner has offered to match that amount. Four businesses and three apartments have been reduced to rubble. Investigators are not disclosing where the fire started, but say it was most likely no accident.

**News**                                      **12/14/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

No bail for a 32 year old man from Springfield accused of murdering his wife and her two young daughters. Juan Mejia appeared in Springfield district court dressed in a hospital gown. Police arrested on a Wednesday night at Holyoke Medical Center's psychiatric ward.

Prosecutors say Marilyn Rivera and her two little girls, Joselyn and Joselyn-Marie Del Rio, were killed on Saturday. Police discovered their bodies Wednesday afternoon in a fifth floor apartment at 94 pearl street. First assistant district attorney James Orenstein says two of the victims were found in closets, the third was on a bed under a pile of clothes. Investigators are awaiting autopsy results to determine exactly how the victims died. The judge ordered Mejia's held without bail pending his next court appearance January 11th.

**News**                                      **12/15/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

Holyoke police are on the look out for a suspect after an overnight stabbing. Sgt. Manuel Febo says detectives were called to the Lafayette bar on Holyoke's south bridge road. They found one male victim stabbed at closing time, around 2am. He was rushed to Baystate Medical Center, with what are believed to be non-life threatening injuries.

**News**                                      **12/16/07**                                      **7am**                                      **:30**

A former New Hampshire soccer coach has been charged with prostitution and child pornography. Police arrested 27-year-old Jacob Silva of Manchester and charged him with 26 offenses stemming from allegations of misconduct while he coached for the concord-based express soccer club.

**News**                                      **12/16/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

32-year-old Michelle Lepkowski of Gardner is being held on one- hundred thousand dollars bail on charges including assault and battery on a child after her daughter Raelynn Mascal died in May. The 2- year old was found in her mother's apartment unconscious -- with neck, head and body injuries. Lepokowski's apparent boyfriend is also being held... Twenty-one year old Luke Malizia is accused of being there while the girl was assaulted, but failing to stop it. Lepkowski is expected to be arraigned on December 21st in Worcester superior court.

**News**                                      **12/18/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

One student has been arrested at Dean Tech High School in Holyoke on charges he threatened another student...with a tree pruning saw on two occasions. The victim's father snapped this picture of the weapon with his cell phone. Officers arrested 18-year-old Javier Ramos-Nieves about 8 in the morning. He is charged with 2 counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon...and one count of carrying a weapon on school grounds. The saw, we're told, belongs to the school...police are not sure how Ramos obtained it.

**News**                                      **12/18/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

West Springfield police have a suspect in custody after a recent hotel robbery. Vincent McKenzie of Bloomfield Connecticut was arrested today by Bloomfield police on an unarmed robbery warrant, according to detective Scott Manser of the West Springfield police department. The hotel robbery took place in the early morning hours of Sunday, November 25. Police credit the arrest to news coverage in helping identify the suspect through surveillance pictures.

**News**                                      **12/20/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Local police and federal drug enforcement agents have arrested 18 area people and seized more than nine pounds of crack cocaine. Investigators call it one of the biggest drug busts in years in western Massachusetts. Investigators say the drugs were being distributed in Springfield, Westfield and other surrounding communities. Authorities identify the alleged leaders of the operation as two brothers, 20-year-old Golden Lumpkin of Chicopee and 28-year-old Eric Lumpkin of Springfield. The district attorney says the brothers operated a wholesale drug distribution operation out of Springfield and Westfield. In addition to the cocaine, authorities seized five pounds of marijuana, \$20,000 in cash, two guns and two cars.

**News**                                      **12/21/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A man accused of shooting and killing the owner of a beauty shop during a robbery of the store has pleaded guilty. Pablo Carambot entered the guilty plea yesterday. Young man Kim was shot at his main street beauty supply shop during the middle of the day. Another man also faces charges in connection with the murder.

**News**                                      **12/21/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

There was a robbery at a Banknorth branch in Springfield. Springfield police department spokeswoman Jennifer flag says the robbery happened just before one in the afternoon at 4-12 Boston Road. The suspect is described as being 5-feet 10-inches tall, wearing a black parka with a fur hood and aviator sunglasses. We're told he fled on foot. There's no word yet on any injuries.

**News**                                      **12/24/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield police have made an arrest in connection with one of two gas station robberies that happened within minutes of each other. Springfield police captain Robert Cheetham says that 34 year old Hommy Tanco of Springfield was arrested in connection with the armed robbery of the Sunoco station at the corner of armory and Taylor Street. Tanco is charged with robbing the station at knifepoint around 6:15am. About 15 minutes later a masked gunman held up the Mobil station at 491 Allen Street. According to captain Cheetham the gunman escaped with cash and cigarettes. That suspect is still at large.

**News**                                      **12/26/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield police are looking for a suspect who robbed a Walgreens on Sumner Avenue. Police say the man went into Walgreens -- put a handgun on the table and demanded money. We're told he was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt... And he escaped on foot with an undisclosed amount of money.

**News**                                      **12/27/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A man arrested in connection with the defamation of several local flags appears in court today. 65-year old Douglas Wight was arrested yesterday afternoon and charged him with

trespassing and defacing personal property. Wight is accused of burning an American flag that hung from a tree outside a home on Bridge Street. He allegedly left a typewritten note at the scene. Similar incidents were reported in Palmer, Greenfield and Amherst. Investigators allege that a search of Wight's truck turned up items connected to the incidents.

**News**                                      **12/27/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

On Christmas day a store clerk who was held up at gunpoint. The store clerk says a man walked in asking for cigarettes but ended up leaving with a lot more. This happens at number 4 Mill Street, in Greenfield Christmas day around 3 in the afternoon. Greenfield police Sgt. Ralph Odem says, the man waited for the coast to be clear and then made his move -- flashing a handgun and cleaning out the cash register. Surveillance cameras were not rolling, but have since been fixed. We spoke to Muhammad Azeem who found himself staring down the barrel of a gun. Azeem described the man as standing 5-6 to 5-9, stocky build, olive complexion, chinstrap dark beard, black jeans, a jacket and a white knit cap. The store clerk's uncle says the store was robbed once before he gained ownership in 2003.

**News**                                      **12/27/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

An early morning stabbing in Springfield sends one man to the hospital with critical injuries. It happen around four this morning at the corner of Suffolk Street and Wilbraham road in the mason square section of the city. According to Springfield police Sergeant Thomas Meleady, a 20-year old man was found in a car at the stop sign with stab wounds to his chest. The victim was taken to Baystate medical center where he is in critical but stable condition.

**News**                                      **12/28/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Two police officers a man from Springfield faces numerous charges after leading police on a chase in a stolen car, injuring two police officers. Springfield police Lt Cheryl Claprood says, that 38 year old Angel Colon is charged with resisting arrest and assault and battery on a police officer with a dangerous weapon, a car. Colon allegedly tried to hit two police officers who were trying to arrest him with the car he was driving. He'll be in court later today

**News**                                      **12/28/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield police arrested a 16-year old boy for allegedly carrying a sawed off shot gun fired during a gang fight. Springfield police Lt. John Slepchuck says that police found several shell casings from a gun that was fired around two this morning in the area of Dickinson and Orange Street. A large party was going on in the area at the time of the shooting. No one was injured and the 16-year old is the only person in custody.

**News**                                      **12/28/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In Northampton, the Florence Savings Bank was robbed. Northampton police say a man walked into the bank about 10:15am, and passed a threatening note to the teller. He walked

out of the bank with an undetermined amount of cash. No weapon was shown, and no one was hurt.

**News**                                      **12/29/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

The New Bedford, Massachusetts man facing charges in the hit and run death of a 13 year-old -- pleaded not guilty. Authorities claim Craig Bigos lost control of his S-U-V while text messaging on his cell phone. A prosecutor said -- Craig Bigos told police he thought he hit a mailbox and did not know he hit a boy - Earman Machado - until the next day.

**News**                                      **12/29/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

A Peabody woman will remain in custody after her arraignment on a murder charge for allegedly shaking her 9-month-old daughter to death. Jennifer Ward pleaded not guilty to the murder charges. The Massachusetts department of social services said the baby was taken away from ward in March and placed in foster care because of neglect. Then in July, ward was granted back custody after completing a drug treatment and parenting education program. Authorities say the child died from shaken-baby syndrome on November 21

**News**                                      **12/29/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

Holyoke police have arrested a child rape defendant who's out on bail, and charged him with drug trafficking. A notice from the Holyoke criminal investigations bureau states 35- year old Thomas Flemming was involved in a marijuana cultivation and trafficking operation on Nonotuck Street. Chief Anthony Scott said Fleming was being held on child rape charges, and had posted 50-thousand dollars bail. Flemming faces arraignment either Monday or Wednesday of next week.

**News**                                      **12/31/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Police are still trying to figure out why an 18-year old killed on 91 was walking on the highway. Miles Adams of Northampton was killed after being hit by a tractor trailer and then another car in the northbound lanes of 91 between exits 18 and 19 in NOHO. Adams was taken the hospital, but died from his injuries.



**The following is WWLP programming addressing Education during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      10/01/07                                      6am                                      :30**

More college students are turning to high-priced private loans as the cost of tuition goes up. Experts say it's a trend that could haunt the U-S economy for years to come. Many of the private loans have variable rates that go up to 20 percent. Analysts say when those students graduate, they will have so much debt many will put off buying homes, limit vacations, even eat out less to pay the loans off on time.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      6pm                                      :30**

The federal government gives Springfield's magnet schools a gold star, in the form of 9 million dollars to keep those programs growing. Springfield has five magnet schools that attract children because of the schools unique approach to learning. The Liberty School goes in for creative ways of teaching math at this math camp, held in a park-like setting that was built with the help of federal funds. All other Massachusetts communities were excluded in this latest round of federal grant money.

**News                                      10/2/07                                      12pm                                      :30**

Violent video games, movies, TV and the internet could be some of the reasons violence in middle schools is on the rise. A review by the Boston globe of statistics from the Massachusetts department of education found 4,750 reports of violent incidents in suburban or rural middle schools during the 2005-2006 school years. Those included fights, sexual assaults and robbery. School officials reported 290 cases of sexual harassment and confiscated 383 weapons.

**News                                      10/3/07                                      5am                                      :30**

Campus police say they are down 26-percent from 2005. There were fewer cases of burglary and aggravated assault on campus this past year....and fewer liquor violations. The report also shows areas where improvements need to be made. More underage students are drinking, and the number of narcotics arrests increased. UMass police Chief Barbara O'Connor says campus police have increased focus on drug activity.

**News                                      10/4/07                                      5am                                      :30**

Getting kids to school safely continues to be a concern for parents around the globe, across the nation and here in Holyoke. Students will be walking to school for international walk to school day... Highlighting kid's safety when walking to school... David steward walks his three

kids to Lawrence school Monday through Friday. Avid worries about potential abductions. And his security solution for parents...the effort in Holyoke is to teach kids how to cross the street safely... Look out for strangers and take note of what's going on in the community.

**New**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

The state has released the 2007 math and English Mcas results for individual schools and districts in Massachusetts. Acting education commissioner Jeffrey Nellhaus says many of the top improving schools are in urban areas. For example, 4th-grade scores at the Samuel Bowles Elementary School in Springfield improved by 53 percent in English and 52 percent in math. At the Clayre Sullivan School in Holyoke, 7th-grade math scores were up 32 percent and 8th-grade English scores improved 26 points. The state previously announced that Mcas scores statewide had improved across all elementary and middle school grades. And record number 10th graders passed the English and math exams on their first try.

**News**                                      **10/5/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

UMass is continuing its search for a new chancellor at the school. And, it seems they've been making progress. A committee searching for John Lombardi's replacement will meet for a second time October 22nd. Lombardi is now the president of Louisiana state university.

**News**                                      **10/15/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

In Massachusetts, report that parents of high school students should know about many high school science laboratories in Massachusetts are lacking science equipment. That's the case at Pathfinder Regional Vocation-Technical High School in Palmer. Science teacher John O'Donnell says, Pathfinder is one of a number of schools applying for state funds to replace or replenish equipment used for teaching science. O'Donnell say's parents should realize this is a crisis. If we don't start getting people involved with real hands on science and engineering, the standard of living we're used to in the United States will go bye and will be going to china and India. I don't really like it, I think we should get the best that we can to further out education...pathfinder is one of more than sixty Massachusetts high schools that have applied for state money to upgrade its science equipment.

**News**                                      **10/10/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Despite some setbacks, hope for a new charter school in western Massachusetts is still alive. Two applications for charter schools in western Massachusetts have been rejected by state education officials, but a third is still in the running. The proposed Hampden Charter School of Science is a finalist and has been invited to make a final application with the department of education. If approved, the charter school would serve 350 students in grades 6 to 12 from Springfield, West Springfield, Chicopee and Ludlow. The school could open in 2009.

**News**                                      **10/10/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Governor Deval Patrick filed a 10-year, \$2 billion higher education spending bill designed to modernize the state's public colleges and universities. Much of the funding would go towards science and technology based programs. Each of the state community and college campuses and all five university of Massachusetts campuses would get a portion of the money. The bill needs lawmaker approval.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

About a hundred parents and students filled the Robert M. Hughes Academy Charter Public School ...to recognize Hispanic culture and tradition. Parents and family members watched as students danced the traditional Latin salsa. They say it is important for children to recognize their culture as an important part of their identity. It's educational and important for kids to know that their histories are represented. The celebration was also the open house for the school...a chance for the parents and teachers to get to know each other. The theme of the event pays tribute to Hispanic awareness month.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Umass grad students gathered in force --spelling out their contract demands. The graduate employee organization held a march and informational picket at the University's Whitmore administration building. The G-E-O says it's been bargaining with the university for ten months. Also other demands, greater access to child care, reduced fee increases and diversity funding.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Governor Patrick is touting the benefits of a good education in a new television ad for the University of Massachusetts. In the ad Patrick talks about how education can transform lives and how it transformed his own. This week Patrick filed a 10-year higher education bond bill that would pump \$1 billion into the Umass system for infrastructure repairs and new buildings at the five campuses.

**News**                                      **10/16/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Massachusetts students have to make some big gains in science according to the latest Mcas test results. Nearly 20 percent of high school sophomores have failed new science test--an exam they'll eventually have to pass to graduate. More than 7,100 of the nearly 39,000 students in the class of 2010 failed. They'll have to retake the test next spring.

**News**                                      **10/17/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Western Massachusetts high school students have often been heard to complain that what they learn has little to do with the real world. Hundreds of 9th graders at Springfield's Central High School had no such complaint today. Employees of Springfield area businesses became teachers for the day helping these teenagers master the basics of economics in the real world. The kids responded well to this program. The students learned how to spend our

money wisely how basically to budget income, how insurance helps us through life when you get hurt it's going to help me save up for stuff I need, necessities, I'm going to need for food, work and to pay bills the students got a heads up about what to expect to stay fiscally afloat when they're out on their own. Their classroom mentors take care of the books for local businesses.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Close to two hundred people filled the Storrowton Carriage House in West Springfield to say thank you and happy birthday to Springfield Technical Community College. Over the last forty years, more than 30-thousand students have graduated from S-T-C-C. And more than six-thousand students attend every year. School president Ira Rubenzahl says the school has become an established and important presence in the region. The school has been provided the opportunity for many people to enter higher education, get an education and get a good job. S-T-C-C employs 170 full time faculty members, and has helped many local entrepreneurs by providing space in their business incubator to enhance the economic development of the pioneer valley.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

The Massachusetts life sciences center has approved more than \$8 million for the Umass Medical School to open an Embryonic Stem Cell Bank and associated Stem Cell Registry. The medical school's interim chancellor, Doctor Michael Collins says he expects to have the Stem Cell Bank "up and running" and distributing stem cell lines to researchers within a year.

**News**                                      **10/31/07**                                      **6:30am**                                      **:30**

Students in Western Massachusetts could have longer school days soon. And now the state board of education will award those schools looking to do so with grants, ranging from \$7,000 to \$9,000. Recipients include Amherst, Central Berkshire Regional, Greenfield, Northampton, and Springfield. Education officials say eight districts are already experimenting with longer school days.

**News**                                      **10/31/07**                                      **6:30am**                                      **:30**

The state's top education official says intervention is needed at five Western Massachusetts schools because of lagging student performance on skills tests. Four of those schools are in Springfield. They are the M. Marcus Kiley Middle School, German Gerena Community School, and the Homer Street and white street elementary schools. The John J. Lynch Middle School in Holyoke also made the list, acting commissioner Jeffrey Nellhaus is asking the state board of education to give those schools "priority 1" status. The designation would qualify the schools for more state aid for programs to help boost students' performance on standardized tests.

**News**                                      **11/14/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

The school of nursing at UMass are also hoping to diversify its' program. Organizer Jean Swinney says it makes for better patient care when the diversity of nurses reflects that of the population. Some graduates of the UMass nursing program who devised a group specifically for minority students to mentor and support each other.

**News**                                      **11/14/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Administrators at UMass in Amherst expect students to show up for class... Despite a call by some student leaders for a two-day boycott this week. A group of students called for the boycott Thursday and Friday to protest rising student fees and campus police patrols in dormitories. University spokesman Ed Blaguszewski says there is an ongoing dialogue with students on many of the areas of concern. One student agrees... Communication needs to continue. Graduate student senate president Jeffrey Napolitano says students are encouraged to attend teach-ins and demonstrations instead class on Thursday and Friday.

**News**                                      **11/21/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

The majority of parents want seatbelts on school buses. That's according to a new survey. 84-percent of parents said they think seatbelts should be mandatory. New legislation from the national highway transportation safety administration says for just pennies more per day, cities can safeguard seats with lap and shoulder- belts. And, several schools across the nation already decided to install seatbelts on school buses.

**News**                                      **11/27/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

The state board of education has approved a high school study program. It is designed to better prepare students for college. The "Masscore" program was developed amid concerns that too many state high school graduates were taking remedial courses in college. The recommended program includes four years of English, four years of Math and three years of lab-based Science.

**News**                                      **12/1/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

In support of longer school days, findings show students at 10 public Massachusetts schools that experimented with longer school days had overall improvement in M-CAS scores. Advocates say they're encouraged by the initial results.

**News**                                      **12/4/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

Superintendent of schools Joseph Burke has applied for the vacant job of state education commissioner. That position is responsible for policy and improvement efforts for all state schools in Massachusetts. State board of education chairman Paul Reville says burke would be a credible candidate for the state post and that his application will be thoroughly reviewed. Burke says he would prefer to stay in his current job if his contract is renewed the state board is expected to name a new commissioner in January to succeed David Driscoll, who retired in August.

**News**                                      **12/6/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Its crunch time for college students with final exams right before the holidays, many students are resourceful when it comes to handling this hectic period. For Springfield technical community college student, Matthew Steele, juggling an exam schedule and his full time job can be stressful. Many college students around the country are gearing up for the whirlwind known as finals. For students who have jobs, finding time to study for exams can be a challenge. Finding ways to get pass the stress of finals is one obstacle college students are very familiar with.

**News**                                      **12/7/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

The union that represents teachers in Greenfield has filed an unfair labor practice complaint against Mayor Christine Forgey. They're concerned about a letter from the mayor indicating she wants contract language dealing with health insurance to be uniform for both municipal and school workers. Forgey acknowledges any future terms would need to be discussed during negotiations, which begin next year.

**News**                                      **12/11/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

The national credit crunch is starting to affect the 85 billion dollar student-loan market. Analysts say there's no apparent shortage of loans available to college-bound Americans. But they say rising defaults coupled with a new law that cuts federal subsidies to student lenders are beginning to strain the industry. The rising defaults have surfaced amid falling home prices and rising foreclosures. In some cases, families who's home loans are resetting at higher rates may be having a harder time keeping current on payments on student loans. Meantime, reduced federal subsidies and anticipated lower profits have led a number of banks and other student lenders to scale back discounts to borrowers.

**News**                                      **12/11/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

Students say this is the first time in years their demands are being addressed... Umass Amherst chancellor Thomas Cole along with other administrators has agreed to meet once a week to go over student issues... The major issues are exorbitant fees... Student control over student space with less intrusion by law enforcement on campus and diversifying the university population... Today students rallied to celebrate their achievements. So far there have been two meetings between the administration and students following strike. The chancellor's released a statement saying he has agreed to discussions with the students over the next three months. And hopefully by February they can come to a compromise.

**News**                                      **12/12/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Cathedral High School has reason to celebrate one year after a fire displaced the entire winter athletic program. The Boy's Varsity Basketball team broke in their new basketball court. Students have been waiting for this gym for almost a year now after their winter athletic program including wrestlers, track runners, cheerleaders and 6 basketball teams were forced

to practice and compete in other places other than their own turf. The fire itself didn't damage too much but the smoke and water damage destroyed the electrical system, the sprinkler system and even made it so they needed a brand new floor. But now, the renovation is complete, and students were finally able to root for the panthers-- at home again.

**News**                                      **12/19/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Fifteen students at Putnam vocational received tuition waivers to a state public college or university. Their high M-cas scores earned each a John and Abigail Adams scholarship. This is a first for the school, which has been labeled as underperforming. The students say their accomplishments will help motivate other students to work hard. Once in college, these students must maintain a G-P-A of 3-point-0 or better to keep the scholarship.

**News**                                      **12/20/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Springfield's superintendent of schools won't be in line for a job with the state board of education. Dr. Joseph burke applied for the position of Massachusetts education commissioner. Three finalists were named for the state's top education spot...and burke's was not on the list. The three finalists are: Karla Brooks Baehr, the superintendent of the Lowell public schools, Mitchell Dan Chester, an Ohio senior associate state superintendent, and Richard lane, the director of education for the Wallace foundation. The board is expected to vote on the state's next commissioner no later than January 22nd.

**News**                                      **12/21/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

School safety officers re-assured Spanish-speaking parents about the safety of kids walking to school on busy or snow covered streets. Also, each school principal now has an emergency operations manual; a guide for any emergency situation that might arise. The parents were also given the number for a confidential safety hotline.

**The following is WWLP programming addressing Environment during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      10/1/07                                      12pm                                      :30**

Fall is underway and many people were out enjoying the fall-like weather this weekend. We won't see peak foliage here until mid October but the leaves are already changing... And early yesterday people were out in Springfield's forest park enjoying the day. And if you can't wait until mid October to see the foliage in our area...you can take a ride to Northern Vermont and New Hampshire where it's already at peak.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      6pm                                      :30**

State investigators could know as soon as \*tomorrow\* what caused a fire that destroyed a multi-million dollar apartment complex in East Longmeadow. The massive inferno started just after midnight on Parker Street last Saturday. Nine other cities and towns were called-in to help fight the blaze. The retirement community was set to open next year, but instead the fire nearly leveled the 14- million dollar, 130-unit complex. A sprinkler system was set to be turned-on the day after the fire started. State police fire investigator Michael Mazza has described the fire as suspicious.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      11pm                                      :30**

The city of Holyoke wants residents to keep rain water from flowing into the city's sewer system, which can pollute the Connecticut River. The city is now asking all residents and businesses to initiate conservation methods, like building rain ponds, and they'll even help pay for some or all of the conversion costs.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      11pm                                      :30**

Environmental protection agency officials say the region experienced 26 days between May and September where ozone monitors registered concentrations considered unhealthy. That's compared with 16 days during the same months in 2006. Officials say the increase in the number of days with unhealthy air is related to the increase in the number of hot days this year.

**News                                      10/2/07                                      5am                                      :30**

The city of homes has been given more than one million dollars in state funds to renovate three local parks. The state's urban self help program has given the town the money to spruce-up tree Top Park, Marshall Roy Park, and Blunt Park. The money is going towards



park renovations, the building of new playgrounds, pathways and fencing. According to the grant guidelines...the city must complete the work by 2008.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Baystate Medical Center tonight officially dedicated its most conspicuous building. The "centennial" building is now the "Michael Daly" building, named for the man who led Baystate from 1981 through 2003. Daly says that building transformed Baystate from a sleepy little community hospital, to a major academic medical center. During Daly's tenure, Baystate Medical Center added Mary Lane Hospital and Franklin Medical Center and created Health New England, H-M-O, and Reed's Landing, an independent life care center.

**News**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

The American planning association puts Northampton's Main Street as one of the best streets in the country. The planners were impressed with the 19th century buildings dominating downtown Northampton. They like the mix of shops, restaurants and galleries. It doesn't hurt Main Street's standing to have such an extremely low retail vacancy rate.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Mayoral candidate, Dominic Sarno unveiled his plan to make the streets safer. From his campaign headquarters, Sarno was talking tough and vowed to make citizens and businesses in the city of homes feel safer. If elected, Sarno vows to put 50 more police officers on the streets. He's also pledging to reinstate a police commission with complete oversight. Sarno acknowledged a quality of life issue in Springfield, and wants to create a police squad that would focus on that. Last, Sarno is targeting teens, and wants to form a drug and gang prevention program. Sarno says if public safety is not made a priority, residents will continue to leave and businesses will fail.

**News**                                      **10/22/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Gasoline prices in Massachusetts raised an average 3 cents per gallon over the past week, as the recent climb in crude oil prices began to reach filling stations. A statewide triple-a survey pegs the price of a gallon of regular, self-serve gasoline at \$2.67, compared with \$2.64 last Monday. Prices in Massachusetts have been stable over the past few weeks, but the impact of rising global oil prices is starting to be felt at the pump. The current average price in Massachusetts remains 14 cents below the national average of \$2.81.

**News**                                      **10/23/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Massachusetts state police is the first state in New England... To use these new radar guns...D-B-C lidars are used to show the distance between cars-- combined with speed detection --- to catch tailgaters. Less than one second apart from the car in front of you -- barley gives the driver enough reaction time, to take their foot off the gas and move to the brake. Trooper Scott Maguire says drivers put themselves in jeopardy when tailgating other vehicles, especially big trailer tractors. The lidar is easier than previous radars and more

accurate. Before it was a cop's word against a citizen's word in court...but now... Trooper Maguire says going before a judge to justify a ticket is made easier with new technology...something for drivers to keep in mind

**News**                                      **10/23/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In august The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts was given thousands of pounds of food and helped stock the shelves. But as the weather gets colder, more families find themselves in tough situations. Jo Comerford is the director of programs at the food bank of Western Massachusetts. She says that supplying food to the hungry is an ongoing challenge.

**News**                                      **10/23/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

The air in the bay state has the highest level of diesel exhaust particulates in all of New England. In Holyoke, one local group call it a "diesel soot patrol"...and it gets ordinary citizens out on the street with environmental experts taking action against noxious air pollution. They're on a mission to do away with harmful e-missions...this group of volunteers and environmental activists are arming themselves with information. The pioneer valley community environmental health coalition has teamed up with clean water action, and youth build to research the extent of the diesel pollution problem in Holyoke. They hope their work will eventually help pass a bill that will mandate the use of diesel filters on municipal garbage trucks and state owned and contracted construction fleets. The emissions bill being considered on beacon hill right now includes a provision for some federal and state tax credits and rebates to help lower the cost of retrofitting \*private\* fleets with exhaust filters as well.

**News**                                      **10/24/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

The people living in Springfield's pine point win their struggle to re-open the neighborhood fire station....empty station from the Massreco Street fire station opened for the first time in years today to the cheers of nearby residents. The closing of the fire station four years ago left them heartbroken. The fire that claimed the lives of a mother and her son on nearby Nathaniel Street earlier this year was the spark rallying together the community to fight for re-opening the Massreco Street fire station.

**News**                                      **10/25/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

A Chicopee business expands operations in Holyoke. A-m lithography now has a packaging facility on 1-06 white streets. The printing company invested some 6-million dollars as part of the expansion. The owners are excited about the opportunity to invest in the paper city as well as create dozens of new jobs. In a time were some businesses pack up and head south or west, this company finds advantages in staying local. A-m packaging anticipates the creation of some 70 new jobs over the next 10 years.

**News**                                      **10/25/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

People had a healthy alternative for lunch in downtown Springfield today. The tower square community health fair offered blood pressure and oxygen screenings. There was also information on health care and the latest nutritional products from local health and fitness organizations. Attendees say these free programs are helpful. Baystate Medical Center and Tower Square management sponsored the health fair. Baystate put on a blood drive in conjunction with the health fair.

**News**                                      **10/25/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Making downtown Holyoke a better place for business...business owners met with city officials, as they do just about every month. They shared their concerns with the city and discussed ways to revitalize the downtown area. Metered parking was one of the key issues addressed at the meeting. There have been some complaints about people feeding the meters all day and it's a two hour maximum. We talked about enforcing and we talked about educating people on what other opportunities are. The next downtown revitalization meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 27 and is open to the public.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

The Patrick administration is offering money to help spruce up parks here in the bay state. Patrick announced 21 grants totaling nearly 8 million dollars to help communities create new parks or improve existing ones. The money will help buy land or renovate property for parks and outdoor recreation. The program is also designed to encourage parks in urban neighborhoods with not enough open space. Pittsfield is one of the communities in line to receive money.

**News**                                      **10/27/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Dozens of people marched in mason square, proudly holding quilts they'd lovingly designed to promote aids awareness. The goal of the colorful parade was to educate the public about the dangers of aids. It was part of an annual memorial service to remember people who've died of aids. Linda Holley spent months working on an aids memorial quilt. Holley says aids prevention and education should be a family affair.

The march was sponsored by northern educational services, a local aids counseling and testing center. October is national H-I-V and aids awareness month.

**News**                                      **10/27/07**                                      **9am**                                      **:30**

Record crude oil costs are pushing- up prices at the pump.....again...Oil prices soared to about 92 dollars a barrel...the current price is about 6 dollars from the inflation adjusted record of \$98 dollars per barrel reached in 1980.the president of strategic energy and economic research says the increase is based on concern about the new economic sanctions the U-S has placed on Iran, as well as \*more\* turkey's threats to invade northern Iraq to deal with currish rebels. Lynch says right now heating oil prices at the wholesale level are at record highs too. He says that's because inventories are low...the Agawam based energy expert says expects that situation to straighten out within the next six weeks.

**News**                                      **10/27/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

In a month gas prices in the Springfield area have generally jumped about 10 cents for a gallon of regular. Prices for unleaded averaging about \$2.74 a gallon, but prices in the area range from the low \$2.70's up to the high \$2.70's and there are concerns that with crude oil prices inching up--that may be a bad omen for motorists. Crude oil futures closed at close to \$92 a barrel, a new record on the New York mercantile exchange. And that is usually not a good sign for motorists as winter approaches. One Connecticut motorist says that even with the increase in price in gas here in western Massachusetts --it's still cheaper than what he pays in Connecticut.

**News**                                      **10/29/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Higher fuel costs are forcing another airline to raise fares. Continental says the cost of nearly all of its round-trip domestic flights is going up by 10 dollars. It's the latest in a series of airline price increases in recent weeks. If other major carriers follow continental's lead, it would be the industry's sixth increase since Labor Day.

**News**                                      **10/30/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

The Massachusetts department of environment protection has imposed a fine on a company in the town of Hampden. Netco Construction Corporation was fined six thousand dollars for violating solid and hazardous waste laws and regulations. D-E-P discovered the violations during an inspection last October.

**News**                                      **10/31/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

When heavy rains fall-sewage overflows into the waterway. It's an 18 million dollar project now online...this waste water treatment plant will receive the combined sewer and storm water overflow that normally would head right into the Connecticut River. This plant will help reduce some 250 million gallons in sewage that would otherwise go to the Connecticut River. While this plant will have an impact-Holyoke has 13 other sources of sewage overflow that still pollute the river during storms and still have to be addressed--under orders of the federal government. One way residents can help is by keeping rainwater out of the sewer system by capturing it in barrels. That's what's done in this Holyoke home...the water's used to care for lawns and plants. And do small local projects in their yard where they can take storm water out of our system before it gets to a facility like this where it has to be treated and handled to abate that storm water right in their back yard.

**News**                                      **11/3/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Some consumers are buying natural gas furnaces to replace their oil-fired units for the upcoming winter. Analysts say it now costs almost double to heat your home with oil instead of gas. Although natural gas prices are also rising nationwide, analysts say they won't rise as

much as heating oil. But natural gas isn't available everywhere and homeowners might want to consider the cost of converting their homes... Before turning on the gas

**News**                                      **11/3/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Northampton demonstrators held a global warming rally in front of the first churches in downtown Northampton. They're advocating a post card and letter writing campaign to the White House on down to locally elected representatives. One organizer says the people at today's rally support major changes in American energy policy. Northampton global warming demonstration is just a warm up for an April 14th series of rallies locally and throughout the country.

**News**                                      **11/7/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

A group of U-S senators is asking the government to quickly approve a plan to cut mercury pollution in the northeast. Ten New England senators teamed up and sent a letter to environmental protection agency administrator, Stephen Johnson this week. It asks Johnson to approve a plan that requires stricter guidelines for mercury pollution that blows into the northeast from other parts of the country. Mercury is believed to damage the developing brains of infants and fetuses.

**News**                                      **11/20/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

It's the busiest travel week of the year and gas prices are up another two cents per gallon in Massachusetts. It's the fifth consecutive week of increases. A triple a survey found the average price of a regular gallon of gas at \$2.99. One oil analyst says things could get worse. Peter Beutel also stresses the importance of conservation....like working from home and carpooling to cut spending on gas.

**News**                                      **11/20/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Route 9 in Hadley is blocked off from just beyond the Coolidge Bridge to the court house near West Street. All detours are being sent through Bay Road... Many businesses we spoke with say they continue to take a big financial hit because of the repaving... And customers are frustrated. The area of rt. 9 continues to be closed from 7 am to 4:30 pm. The re-paving work won't be finished for another three days... And that's only if everything goes according to plan.

**News**                                      **11/20/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

It didn't take long for the Agawam city council to un-do the city's new transient parking law. The decision passed in a unanimous vote last night at a public hearing. The ordinance was originally put in place to protect pedestrians walking to and from private parking lots to Six Flags and the BIG E. But, over time, critics said the law was more about money than safety. Agawam's mayor elect said this issue was a priority. Mayor elect Dawson says once she's in office, she'll work to resolve any traffic safety issues.

**News**                                      **11/20/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

New developments in the Springfield trash fee controversy. Springfield officials will consider a plan to let elderly people and others who produce comparatively less trash share a barrel and reduce their trash fee. The Springfield finance control board will consider the proposal at a November 29th meeting. City councilor timothy Rooke suggested the plan... Saying it's a more reasonable way to treat the elderly.

**News**                                      **11/20/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

The nation's food banks say they're seeing increased demand, but fewer donations during one of the busiest time of year. And Franklin County is no exception. The center for self reliance in Greenfield serves about 12-hundred people because of a shortage in donations. They're not handing out turkeys this year, while the need is great all year long... The shortages are severe this holiday season. The food pantry on Osgood Street in Greenfield is open four days a week and accepts food or cash donations anytime.

**News**                                      **12/17/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Living close to heavy traffic may make breathing even more difficult for children with asthma. Researchers at Emory University School of medicine in Georgia studied 200 school kids -- half of whom had asthma. Living in close proximity to areas with a lot of traffic affected those with asthma over the course of a year -- but not children without asthma. Living within about 50 meters of heavy traffic increased the chances of respiratory symptoms by more than 50-percent.

**News**                                      **12/20/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

A 97 year old underground water main burst Tuesday afternoon...flooding Court Street...and leaving a huge sink whole on east Columbus Avenue. Traffic is closed on Court Street and the stretch of east Columbus Avenue nearby. It's not just the water main break...but also a sewer pipe problem...and some cable lines have been compromised. Nearby Springfield city hall is open for business...but the repairs could last through the middle of next week. One of the buildings in that area, the Springfield department of elder affairs good life center is cancelling the ballroom dance scheduled for tonight at 6:30.

**News**                                      **12/21/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Governor Deval Patrick unveils a one-point-four billion dollar bond bill aimed at repairing and preserving state parks, beaches, and forest. The bill is the largest environmental bond bill in state history. The bill would authorize spending 665 million for infrastructure and park assets, 250 million to fix crumbling bridges in state parks. There's 213 million for harbor islands, hiking and biking trails, swimming pools, skating rinks, and campgrounds.

**News**                                      **12/27/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

At least 40 homes in Wilbraham are without water this afternoon after a water main broke. Crews found a break in a 60 year old water pipe near the intersection of Eastwood Drive and south colonial road around 8:30 this morning. Water should be turned on within the next three hours.

**News**                                      **12/27/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

This year greater Springfield residents who walked to fight hunger and poverty raised 21-thousand dollars. This year marked the thirtieth year the crop hunger walk stepped off at trinity church. Regionally 16-hundred walkers in more than a dozen locations raised 140-thousands. One quarter of the money goes directly to local food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

**News**                                      **12/27/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

The city of Springfield gets a new mayor in the New Year, and he announced the schedule of inaugural events. Mayoral elected Dominic Sarno's inaugural committee and made the announcement in City Hall. The formal inauguration takes place Monday 10am, January 7th at Symphony Hall, among the highlights of Sarno's inaugural celebration. On January 6th, the Bright Nights display in Forest Park is being reopened just for the night...from 5 to 7:30, and that's also free. Monday at 10 am at Symphony Hall... the swearing of Mayor elect Sarno as well as members of the city council and school committee. And there's a party Friday night the eleventh from 7 to 11 at the Sheraton Springfield, free of charge.

**News**                                      **12/28/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Springfield city workers have completed the installation of a road patch on east Columbus Avenue. The patch smoothes out the area where a major water main break damaged the road last week, a stretch of east Columbus Avenue near court square was closed for about eight hours today. But east Columbus Avenue has been reopened.

**News**                                      **12/29/07**                                      **9:30am**                                      **:30**

It was an unusual sight in Greenfield; a Bobcat caused quite a commotion not far from the route two rotary. Employees of Country Auto on Colrain Road called police after spotting the Bobcat eating a rabbit it caught. The cat quickly attracted a crowd, but no one tried to get close, as the cat stayed in the same spot for more than a half hour.

**News**                                      **12/30/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

State troopers were in the right place at the right time to nab a dozen suspected Springfield area drunk drivers overnight. The troopers springing the trap on surprised drivers during the sobriety checkpoint along West Springfield's Memorial Avenue during the early morning hours. The special team of troopers stopped more than 3 hundred and fifty drivers..... Those the state police deemed unsafe drivers were charged with operating under the influence. Police placed a dozen drivers under arrest who seemed too tipsy to drive home...

**News**

**12/31/07**

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Scores of worshippers attended their last service at Springfield's Historic Old First Church this weekend. After 370 years of services, Western Massachusetts' oldest church is closing its doors. And this September, it was announced that the church closing was imminent due to rising expenses and a declining membership. The last religious celebration at the Springfield landmark was a private one. Even some who don't belong to the congregation took part in this final service. For long-time members, it's a day they won't forget. The city of Springfield is planning to buy old first church for 900-thousand dollars and use it for lectures and office space.



**The following is WWLP programming addressing Health during the 4<sup>TH</sup> quarter of 2007. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      10/01/07                                      5am                                      :30**

People with diabetes took part in yesterday's Springfield walk to cure the disease several hundred people gathered at Springfield elks lodge to prepare for this year's walk. Diabetes affects 21-million Americans. The money raised will go toward find a cure.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      6am                                      :30**

According to a new study from the national institutes of health, scientists have linked variations of two genes to suicidal thoughts among people on S-S-R-I anti-depressants. Overall about 6-percent of the nearly 2-thousand study participants with depression reported these types of suicidal thoughts. For those with both of the genetic variations, the rate increased to 36-percent. Experts say that if the findings are confirmed through additional research. It could some day lead to personalized treatments for depression.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      12pm                                      :30**

We all know the saying, "you are what you eat." D-C nutritionist Katherine Tallmadge will teach us that what you drink plays a leading role when it comes to your health, especially related to calories. Studies have shown when people get their calories from drinks; they end up eating more, overall calories. That makes them more prone to being overweight, but obesity isn't the only thing that's affected by what you drink. Tooth decay, heart disease, diabetes, bone strength, and more are all linked to what you drink. The most important thing is the amount that they contribute to the calories that they take each day, which can lead to excess weight gain, which then leads to other things like chronic diseases. Tallmadge says the best drink of all is simply water. Other beneficial drinks include milk. Tallmadge says to get three servings of skim or soy milk every day because they're loaded with calcium, protein and magnesium. A small serving of alcohol can also protect against heart disease. But be careful here: too much alcohol can be harmful to your heart. Half a cup of orange juice in the morning gives a good boost of vitamin C. But Tallmadge warns that too much juice can cause weight gain.

**News                                      10/1/07                                      11pm                                      :30**

Researchers followed nearly one thousand elderly people for 12 years; each year participants filled out questionnaires and underwent neuralgic exams. They found those who reported high levels of conscientiousness had a 90 percent lower risk for Alzheimer's disease. This means they were goal directed, dependable and controlled impulses. The study was

conducted among clergy members like nuns, priests and brothers. Experts say future studies including a more diverse population are needed.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

According to a new study from the national institutes of health, giving breast milk to extremely low weight newborns can lead to more advanced mental and emotional development as they grow. Researchers tracked more than 700 premature babies from birth to age 2 and a half. Those who'd received breast milk soon after birth had higher scores on intelligence tests at age 2 than kids who did not get breast milk. The breast milk fed children were also found to have stronger abilities to respond to emotions appropriately and were less likely to be re-admitted to the hospital.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Researchers found, very high or very low cholesterol could increase the risk of delivering a premature baby for expectant mothers. A new study looked at over 1-thousand pregnant women between the ages of 21 and 34 who were non-smokers without diabetes and carrying one child. Researchers found white women with extremely low cholesterol levels gave birth prematurely 21-percent of the time. African American women, however, with low cholesterol saw no increase in premature births.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

The centers for disease control say unlike the past years, there are enough flu vaccines to go around. And there are some who are recommend getting their shot. Doctors say children between the ages of six months and five years old, pregnant women, and those 50 years of age and older or anyone with a certain chronic medical conditions.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

A new study in mice suggests a key ingredient in red wine called resveratrol could improve insulin sensitivity. This is potentially good news for diabetics. Experts agree that ingredients in red wine appear to act as antioxidants. Red wine could also have protective effects on the cardiovascular system, when consumed in moderation. That means up to two glasses of wine for men, one glass for women. Approximately, three to four days a week.

**News**                                      **10/2/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

The Baystate Health conference center in Holyoke was packed with people eager to learn about Crohns disease. More than 1 point four million Americans suffer from some form of inflammatory bowel disease. The Crohn's and colitis foundation, hosted the event, funds Crohn's research. The executive director of the Crohn's and colitis foundation says this year the organization gave more than 13 million dollars...some of which went to a camp for kids with Crohns. Doctor Hirsch says young adults between the ages of fifteen and thirty-five are most at risk. Symptoms of the disease can range from mild to severe...and even life threatening.

**News**                      **10/3/07**                      **12pm**                      **:30**

There are several proven ways experts say women can reduce their chances of developing cancer. It appears many women aren't doing anything about it. Physical inactivity, Smoking, Obesity and unhealthy eating could play a role in the development of 63-percent of all cancers. All are modifiable through lifestyle changes. However, 42 percent of surveyed women said they felt little or no control over their chances of getting cancer. Women who did feel they had some control were more likely to engage in healthy behaviors. But women who smoked were also less likely to eat right, exercise and get a mammogram.

**News**                      **10/3/07**                      **5pm**                      **:30**

State health officials are reporting the fourth human case of West Nile Virus this year. Of the four human cases diagnosed in the state this year, three were exposed to the disease in Massachusetts. The latest victim is identified as a 49-year-old Medford man who became ill at the end of last month and remains hospitalized. The state department of public health urges people to continue taking precautions against bug bites while outdoors and remove standing water. The threat remains until the region experiences the first killing frost.

**News**                      **10/3/07**                      **5pm**                      **:30**

A new study finds how you argue with your spouse can literally make you sick. A report in psychosomatic medicine looked at four-thousand adults and found women who don't express their feelings are four times more likely to die from medical conditions within ten years, than men who stay silent. Men are much more likely, significantly more likely, to self-silence during conflict with their spouse. It has no effect on their physical well-being. Researchers' don't know exactly why silence puts women at higher risk, but warn losing control isn't the answer either. What may be even healthier is not to fight at all. Dr. Ecker says she doesn't advise women to always express their anger to protect their health, because for many in abuse relationships, lashing out could trigger violence.

**News**                      **10/3/07**                      **5pm**                      **:30**

People who work with the disabled emphasized the importance of funding for many services provided by the state. The executive office of health and human services sought input on its 2008 budget at a hearing held at Western New England College in Springfield. Among those testifying, a peer counselor with Stavros, an agency that provides services to people with disabilities. And a human services worker, who works with children and adults with developmental disabilities. The Springfield hearing was one of three being held to seek input on the health and human services budget.

**News**                      **10/4/07**                      **6am**                      **:30**

Doctors may be able to assess the risk for a deadly lung disorder in premature babies, by analyzing their umbilical cords. Bronchi-Pulmonary Dysphasia occurs in about 20- to 40-percent of very premature babies who are born before 28 weeks gestation. It's the second

leading cause of death among these babies. Lung samples are another way of predicting risk for this disease... But researchers say this could prove to be a better, less intrusive way.

**News**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A new study reveals that more married couples are starting to sleep in separate beds. According to a survey conducted by the national sleep foundation, 23-percent of couples in the United States sleep apart. Researchers say women tend to be lighter sleepers and have a more difficult time sharing a bed with men because they are more likely to snore. The study showed that often times it is the woman who moves to a separate bed in order to get a good night's rest. Some sleep experts suggest couples turn to ear plugs or other solutions before resorting to separate beds.

**News**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Men who learn more about prostate cancer screening may not be as likely to get screened themselves...according to a new research. P-S-A tests are blood tests that look for elevated levels of prostate-specific antigen... This could signal the presence of cancer. The study looked at the effect of materials designed to educate men about P-S-A tests, such as pamphlets and websites. They found men learned quite a bit through the materials... And felt much more confident in their decisions about their own healthcare.

**News**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

A rare kidney transplant in England has perfect strangers saving each others live. Two couples, who have never met, underwent Britain's first kidney swap operation. According to doctors, the healthy partners were unable to donate their organs directly to their ill spouses because they were different blood groups. So, doctors paired the couples up and successfully performed the simultaneous surgeries on the four patients.

**News**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

It isn't just adults taking prescription drugs for heartburn and other digestive problems the number of children using them has jumped about 56-percent in recent years. A study suggests that more than 2-million children 18 and under used prescription drugs for digestive complaints last year. A number of factors contribute to the increase.

**News**                                      **10/4/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Certainly with the large increase in obesity in the country and this area as well, diet and exercise are hugely important. Diet seems to be important in controlling some of the symptoms of reflux, although some of the actual reflux related morbidly and diseases that people get, diet doesn't always make a big difference but it certainly can help with the symptoms. That new national study found that more than half a million infants and children thru the age of four also used those heartburn drugs last year.

**News**                                      **10/5/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Meditation could help ease some of the psychological stress that can accompany rheumatoid arthritis, according to a new study. Rheumatoid arthritis is associated with a high risk for depression and other distress. The study from the University of Maryland included 63 patients -- half of whom participated in meditation therapy. Six months later -- the meditation group showed significant improvements in depressive and emotional symptoms. The therapy did not, however, have any impact on the actual disease.

**News**                                      **10/5/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

New information may shed light on why pregnancy appears to reduce the risk for breast cancer. The protective effect could have to do with fetal cells that travel from the baby to the mother before birth. Experts think those cells could help put the immune system on alert for cancerous cells. A new study based on 82 women who had given birth and had fetal D-N-A still circulating in their bloodstream were much less likely to have breast cancer. Researchers say this could provide a starting point for future research on cancer prevention.

**News**                                      **10/5/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

That's according to a study of more than 24-thousand people from the University of Rochester in New York. 5-percent of people in the study had experienced major depression in the past year. Those with the highest levels of job stress were most at risk. Researchers suggest more employers should consider adding some kind of depression prevention programs in the workplace.

**News**                                      **10/5/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Every fall, some 35-million Americans suffer from allergies. Herbal supplements and homeopathies are two options. Experts say unlike over the counter medications, this targets the root of the problem...not just the symptoms. The owner of the herbarium in Chicopee explains how these natural remedies work. It's doing one of two things. It's kicking your immune system out of overdrive or it is desensitizing you to the particular pollens or allergens that are bothering you. The early morning and late afternoon hours are the peak pollen periods of the day. Staying indoors at that time may help too.

**News**                                      **10/8/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

People who have close blood relatives with heart disease of the left main coronary artery may want to pay close attention to their own heart health. A new study from Germany finds this type of heart disease is often inherited... And that even initially healthy people who have a brother or sister with the condition were more than twice as likely to develop heart disease, too. Although siblings of people with all forms of heart disease are at an increased risk themselves... Problems with the left main coronary artery seemed to raise the risk even further

**News**                                      **10/8/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

State health officials are concerned with children being overmedicated for mental illness. The early-warning system has flagged the cases of at least 35 children, a number which is likely to rise. The program looks at children under five who are taking at least three psychiatric drugs or a single prescription of a powerful anti-psychotic drug.

**News**                                      **10/8/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Experts are warning people to be on the lookout for signs and symptoms of seasonal affective disorder, also known as "sad." Sad is thought to be brought on by the lack of sunlight during the winter... and is usually accompanied by fatigue, depression, and social withdrawal. About 10- to 20-percent of Americans are thought to experience at least minor symptoms. Experts recommend getting outside and experiencing natural light every day... Even on cloudy days.

**News**                                      **10/8/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

Studies have shown patients receiving a blood transfusion have an increased risk for heart attack and stroke ... Now researchers have learned how banked blood goes bad. Researchers tested red blood cells provided by a company that sells blood to hospitals. They found levels of nitric oxide; gas oxygen needs to get into cells, depleted within hours of blood donation. This means tissues and organs don't always get the full amount of oxygen they need to function -- and researchers say may be a reason why there is an increase in complications among people who get transfusions.

**News**                                      **10/8/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

Early detection and treatment are key to preventing a major stroke, according to new research. Patients who suffer a mini stroke, also called T-I-A, have a 10% increased risk for a major stroke within a month. In a new study researchers found offering patients access to 24-hour T-I-A clinics and providing immediate treatment reduced the risk of major stroke by nearly 80 per cent. Patients were normally recommended to the clinic by their physician. They were given a large dose of aspirin upon diagnosis, and were prescribed anti-clotting or cholesterol drugs. The study was done in the U-K, and experts say if they applied these results to their population over 10 thousand strokes could be prevented each year.

**News**                                      **10/9/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Close, personal relationships that are largely negative could lead to enough "wear and tear" on the heart to increase the risk for heart disease. A British study finds people who are in constant conflict with those closest to them are 1.3 times more likely to develop coronary heart disease. Other studies have shown emotions such as anger could influence blood clotting and immune responses

**News**                                      **10/9/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A new study suggests surgery may offer the best chances for survival. The study included more than 800 patients with cancer that had not spread. The survival rate 10 years after diagnosis was 83-percent for those who'd had surgery... 75-percent for those who'd had radiation... And 72-percent for the "watchful waiting" approach. Surgery appeared to increase the chances of surviving at least a decade among patients who were younger than 70 years old... or had tumors that were likely to spread aggressively.

**News**                                      **10/9/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

In a new study people whose diets were packed with vitamin C had fewer wrinkles than people whose diets did not contain much vitamin C. The study focused on foods rich in the vitamin... Not supplements. High intakes of linoleic acid -- found in many nuts and flaxseed -- was also associated with more youthful skin.

**News**                                      **10/9/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

A 3-thousand year old Chinese therapy is now used to help women with breast cancer. And it's working so well, some insurance companies are paying for it. 47 year old Deb Simpson got treated for breast cancer in 2000. Three years later, it came back with a vengeance. She had surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and now acupuncture. The results: Have fewer side effects from her traditional cancer treatments. Now in remission, Deb Simpson still comes back for the treatments because the acupuncture treatments are so relaxing.

**News**                                      **10/9/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

A major packaged food company voluntarily stopped production of its frozen pot pies, after health officials said the products may be linked to over 100 diagnosed cases of salmonella. Conagra foods is advising consumers to -not- eat its frozen banquet or generic store brand chicken and turkey pot pies -- bearing the number "P-9" printed on the side of the package. The U-S-D-A issued a consumer alert after receiving A C-D-C report of 139 cases of salmonella in 30 states -- linked to the frozen product. Consumers may return the product to the store where it was purchased for a refund.

**News**                                      **10/10/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Common chronic conditions cause an estimated 164 million lost work days each year. A report by the American hospital association found that conditions like diabetes, hypertension and asthma, cause thousands daily to be out of work. Dr. Gary Bombardier, the Medical Director of the work connection at Holyoke medical center, says that obesity contributes too many of those problems and a healthy lifestyle can go along way to preventing many problems. Bombardier says physicians and health care providers too should also be actively promoting the preventive steps people can take to save offer many chronic conditions.

**News**                                      **10/10/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Where you live could have a significant impact on your health...that's the message of the Pioneer Valley project. They say about 75-percent of buildings in Springfield have mold problems or other issues. Today the group held a forum in Springfield on housing and asthma. The event brings together local agencies, health service providers, city officials and tenants in hopes of finding solutions to this problem. This is the first event of its kind in western Massachusetts.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

New information from the centers for disease control and prevention shows the number of people with untreated tooth decay from 2003 and 2004 was the highest since the late 1980's. That includes 27 percent of children. Experts say dental fees have risen much faster than inflation... The average American pays 600 dollars a year for dental care.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

The F-D-A is urging severely hearing-impaired people who are fitted with a cochlear implant that they should get the Pneumococcal vaccine. F-D-A officials say the device has been associated with an increased risk for bacterial meningitis caused by pneumonia bacteria. Children appear to be at the greatest risk. The F-D-A says two children -- ages 9 and 11 -- died from meningitis. Both had cochlear implants, and neither was fully vaccinated.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

This year there will be almost twenty-three thousand new cases of oral cancer in the United States. That's according to the National Cancer Institute. Half of those patients will die of the disease within five years, partly because it can be difficult to diagnose in its early stages. Doctor Wilfred Heilbut uses this device, the visually enhanced lesion scope -- or velscope -- to screen for oral cancer. He includes it as part of routine dental check ups. The velscope uses a high energy blue-light that fluoresces green when it shines on normal tissue, but remains dark on abnormal, potentially cancerous tissue that absorbs the light. In addition to using the velscope, Dr. Heilbut does a routine visual exam of the mouth. Smokers and heavy drinkers make up seventy-five percent of oral cancer cases in the United States. But, the other 25 percent have no risk factors for the disease -- which is why even though Sallie Stern is neither a smoker nor a heavy drinker, the lesion on her tongue could be cause for concern. If Sallie comes back in two weeks and the lesion has not healed, Dr. Heilbut will send her for a biopsy.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

North Adams Regional Hospital is among nearly 70 hospitals and community health care centers around the state that will share in just over \$37 million in state grants. Funding from the essential community providers trust fund is aimed at improving community-based care in Massachusetts. The money will be used for clinical support, primary care, disease management and pharmacy management services.



**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

The makers of some cough and cold medicines for infants are voluntarily withdrawing 14 medicines as a precaution to avoid misuse of the products. The drug makers say misuse of the over the counter medicines in children under two years old could lead to an accidental overdose. Consumers should contact the makers of the products for more information and what to do if they have purchased the products.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

National survey reports consumers are tightening their belts and curbing their appetites for eating out. The survey by RBC capital markets found 54 percent of Americans plan to eat out less over the next three months. When looking for ways to trim the fat, many Americans are choosing to cut down on eating out. But they also say eating out is one of the pleasures of life. A recent survey shows that more than half of U.S. Consumers are curbing their spending because of the volatile stock market, rising energy costs and the economy in general. Across the country, restaurants are finding it harder to fill the seats, but not everywhere. Cheaper fast-food restaurants seem to be doing just fine.

**News**                                      **10/11/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

This year's theme was, "wake up, take control, and take the H-I-V test." a little rain didn't stop people from marching in the ninth annual aids candlelight vigil in the north end of Springfield tonight. The idea was to raise awareness about the growing number of aids cases in the Latino community...and to remember those who have lost their fight with the disease. Springfield ranks fourth highest in the state for cases of HIV and aids...it's estimated that half of those cases were contracted through infected needles.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Senator Edward Kennedy underwent surgery today after doctors discovered a partially blocked artery in his neck during a routine examination of his back. Doctors at Massachusetts general hospital say the hour-long procedure was concluded without complications, and the 75 year old senator is expected to be released in a few days.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

The Pneumococcal vaccine has been shown to prevent pneumonia and is recommended for all adults over age 65. A new study finds patients who had received the vaccine had a nearly 40 per cent lower rate of death and intensive care admission if they were hospitalized with pneumonia. Researchers found 10 per cent of patients who got the vaccine died or were admitted to the I-C-U, compared to 21 per cent of patients who didn't get the vaccine.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

A review of published research finds stress is a critical factor in several deadly diseases. Researchers found H-I-V patients who were stressed experienced faster disease progression. People who were depressed were more likely to relapse, and they found an increased risk for cardiovascular disease among those who experienced daily stress. The researchers say people who are stressed sleep poorly, are less likely to exercise and have unhealthy diets -- all factors that contribute to illness.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Multiple sclerosis is a degenerative disease of the central nervous system, causing numbness, vision loss and even paralysis. Now, new research shows M-S patients with a family history often have more severe cases than those with no close relatives with the disease. Researchers used M-R-is to look at the brains of 759 M-S patients ... Noting the number and size of brain lesions and how much of the brain had begun to degenerate. They found familial M-S patients had significantly more brain lesions and lower brain volume than those with no family history.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Hard-to-treat aids patients will soon have a new option. Today the F-D-A approved the first of a new class of H-I-V drugs that may help patients with drug resistant forms of the virus. Isentress works by blocking genetic material from the H-I-V virus from entering human D-N-A. That prevents duplication of the virus. The Merck and company drug comes as a pill that's taken twice a day.

**News**                                      **10/12/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

The American Red Cross is seeking blood donors as it deals with an unanticipated shortage across New England. Red Cross spokeswoman Donna Morrissey says there's less than a one-day supply of certain blood types for area hospitals. The agency tries to maintain a three-day supply.

**News**                                      **10/14/07**                                      **7am**                                      **:30**

A new procedure is cooling patients' arteries into a hibernated state -- not allowing them to clog or narrow. Marianne Favro explains. Dale Miller lost one leg to peripheral artery disease and was left with extreme pain in his other leg.

**News**                                      **10/15/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Most people who are candidates for weight loss surgery... Such as gastric bypass or Bariatric surgery, must first undergo psychological screening to make sure there aren't any problems that would interfere with a successful outcome. A new study of 500 patients found about 1 in 5 were -not- cleared for surgery, possibly because of eating disorders or a habit of overeating to cope with stress. Some patients weren't admitted because of unrealistic expectations of how their lives would change post-surgery.

**News**                                      **10/16/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Painful acid reflux might lead to sleepless nights for some people...a new survey finds sleep impairment is much more common among people with gastro-esophageal reflux disease or GERD. Half of the patients with GERD said they slept poorly often or most of the time. Doctors say you can reduce nighttime acid reflux by elevating your shoulders and head and waiting two to three hours to go to bed after eating.

**News**                                      **10/16/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Improving the quality of life for cancer patients and survivors in the pioneer valley Mercy Medical Center and the American cancer society are joining forces to do just that. The organization now has a resource center in the lobby of the sister caritas cancer center. It's a one stop location for patients in need of advice, support services this is the only American cancer society patient resource center in the area.

**News**                                      **10/17/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Severe urinary tract infections could create other major health problems if left untreated. The infection could lead to high blood pressure or even kidney failure. But new research finds that UTI's can be treated just as effectively at home with an oral antibiotic. Researchers say these findings could lead to fewer hospitalizations, saving billions of dollars in healthcare costs. But researchers warn patients need to be closely monitored to be sure they remember to take the medications and don't have side effects.

**News**                                      **10/17/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Children who live on a farm appear to have a lower risk of asthma than their friends who live in the city... Data analysis of two surveys -- which included more than 13-thousand kids -- found the risk was lowered among children who lived in a farming environment ... When compared to kids in urban or even non-agricultural rural environments. Even kids who had a parent with asthma had a lower risk if they grew up on a farm.

**News**                                      **10/17/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Experts say there's a key combination that will help reduce the spread of the potentially serious bugs. Wet hands... Add soap... And scrub. A review of 51 scientific studies on ways to prevent passing around viruses concludes good hand washing is effective. Researchers say it's particularly important for kids especially because it reduces the chance of sharing viruses with family members. Researchers say it's still unclear whether antibacterial products were any better than regular soap. Also -- simple surgical masks were just as good as more expensive models at containing illnesses.

**News**                                      **10/17/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

A new report warns that children are among the most vulnerable to a flu pandemic, and that they're being overlooked in government preparations. The pediatricians and public health advocates report urges the government to improve child protections in the event of super-flu. Researchers want to find a way to feed 30 million kids who rely on the school lunch program if a pandemic closes schools. Other challenges: protective face masks don't come in child sizes and child vaccine doses are still being studied.

**News**                                      **10/17/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

New at eleven... Mercy hospital teamed up with American International College tonight to teach students about breast cancer prevention. The goal of the program was to give students the latest information on breast cancer research, and to tell them about risk factors and the importance of early detection. A-I-C professor Naomi white-Inniss stressed the importance of performing regular breast self exams. The American cancer society says breast cancer is the second most common cancer among American woman. One out of every eight women will develop breast cancer sometime during her life.

**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

The importance of stretching may be under question -- but there are no doubts about the benefits of exercise. A new study in the Cochrane library finds people who exercise are likely to have good balance in their older years. Researchers reviewed 34 studies that looked at the effect of exercise on balance -- and found working out led to short-term improvements in balance ability. One exercise didn't out-do another -- they found any form of exercise helped.

**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Adding a splash to your exercise routine could help if you suffer from arthritis. Researchers found people who had arthritis of the knee or hip reported less pain and improved function if they did water aerobics. They did not look at the long-term benefits of water exercise, but they say it should be included as the first part of a longer exercise program for arthritis patients.

**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Taking an aspirin a day may prevent a heart attack -- if you're a man. Researchers set out to identify why there have been conflicting reports on the benefits of aspirin. They reviewed 23 clinical trials involving more than 100 thousand adults, and found those that recruited predominantly men found aspirin could lower the risk for heart attack -- studies looking at women found less of a benefit.

**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

That was the focus of the 2nd annual regional forum on health care in Holyoke. Some 100 health service workers participated in the event. Organizers say it's about finding ways to close the gap in medical care and insurance coverage, so more people have better access to

health services. The state's new health care program was one of the key issues discussed at the forum. Critics say, patients with this coverage often struggle to find doctors that participate in the program.

**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **7pm**                                      **:30**

He's one of the most brilliant minds in music and automotive technology...yet he suffers from a syndrome that makes social interaction extremely difficult. Agawam native John Robison spoke at the Elms College tonight. For decades, Robison was looked at as a social outcast...but it all made sense when, at the age of 40, he was diagnosed with a form of autism called Asperger's syndrome. Through his New York Times best-seller "Look Me in the Eye"...and a new course being offered at Elms College...Robison is now trying to make sure no child silently suffers with the condition ever again. Despite his daily battle with Asperger's, Robison created many of the sound effects for the band Pink Floyd in the 70's...and has established a successful high-end automotive repair company in Springfield.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Students at King Middle School in Portland already had access to condoms...but after a seven to two vote by the school committee, girls as young as nine will be able to get birth control pills or the patch. The contraceptive controversy raises questions of health and responsibility. Girls taking the pill may face health risks such as decreased bone density or blood clots. The director of Adolescent Medicine at Baystate Medical Center says, still...pregnancy takes a much bigger toll on young girls. According to the Centers for Disease Control....about 6 percent of students in the U.S. have had sex before the age of 13.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Young children now have more options when getting vaccinated against meningitis. The FDA has approved Menactra, a meningitis vaccine, for children ages 2 to 10. The approval provides another option for children in this age group -- the vaccine Menomune used to be the only one available for this age group. Menactra is already approved for people ages 11 to 55. The CDC recommends the vaccine for children ages 11 to 12 and those entering high school or living in dorms. About 26 hundred people in the U.S. are stricken with bacterial meningitis every year.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Experts estimate nearly 300 thousand people in the U.S. were infected with hepatitis A before children began getting vaccinated in 1995. Now a new study shows the hepatitis-A vaccine can prevent the virus even after people have been exposed. The study showed immune globulin, the current treatment used after exposure, worked slightly better than the vaccine -- but experts say it's a good thing to have multiple options.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Officials at the C-D-C say adults need regular vaccine check-ups just like kids do! Adults who never had chickenpox should get a Varicella vaccine -- and all adults over age 60 need a shingles vaccine. It's recommended women under the age of 26 get the H-P-V vaccine, and people traveling outside the U-S need to get vaccinated against hepatitis a. People with chronic disorders of the cardiovascular and pulmonary systems should get both the flu and pneumonia vaccine.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **:30**

The R-U-OK program based out of the Amherst police department helps monitor the health and safety of the elderly in Amherst by calling them at least once a day. The system calls and if there is no answer it will send a police dispatcher out to the resident's home. The specialized telephone equipment used in the R-U-OK system can also be used for disabled individuals.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Government experts say cold and cough medicines should not be given to children younger than 6. The advisers made that recommendation today at the end of a two-day meeting. The advisory panel is also urging more studies into the over-the-counter medicines. An American academy of pediatrics official told the panel that the medicines don't work in children under 6 and may be dangerous. The drug industry says the medicines do work and are safe. The FDA isn't required to follow the advice of its panels of outside experts but does so most of the time.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

A new C-D-C report says schools have made considerable improvements in their health and wellness programs since the year 2000. The number of schools that sell French fries went down over 20 per cent from 2000 to 2006, while schools offering salads went up 20 per cent. States prohibiting schools from offering junk food in vending machines went up considerably, as well as the number of schools selling water in their machines. But the experts say there is still room for improvement. The report also notes increasing tobacco prevention and bullying prevention programs in schools throughout the U-S.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

A review of more than 50 studies finds implementing basic hygiene practices among children is an effective way to prevent a flu or sars pandemic. That means washing hands -- and in severe cases -- possibly closing schools.

**News**                                      **10/19/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Researchers tested how quickly the flu virus spread among guinea pigs at different temperatures and humidity's. They found the flu spread rapidly when it was 20-30 per cent

humidity and 41 degrees. Flu rates dramatically slowed down when they warmed up the temperature to 86 degrees and 80 per cent humidity.

**News**                                      **10/22/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Positive thinking won't slow the progression of cancer or improve the outcome. Researchers followed over one thousand head and neck cancer patients for more than 6 years -- each participant had filled out a survey that measured their quality of life. They found emotional status was not associated with survival rates -- even after adjusting for gender and disease severity.

**News**                                      **10/23/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

The American cancer society recommends that all women over forty have annual mammograms. But, with other screening methods available some women are opting to have M-R-I's or ultrasounds in addition to a mammogram. Since the 1980's, the mammogram has been the gold standard for detecting breast tumors. It uses low dose x-rays to pinpoint unusual growths. And for most women a yearly mammogram has been proven to detect the majority of breast cancers. But, women at higher risk for breast cancer -- those with a family history or those who have already had cancer in one breast -- could benefit from another level of screenings. M-R-I uses magnetic fields to create images of tissue. It shows changes in blood flow. But because M-R-I tends to produce more false positives than mammography, it is not recommended for all women. Women who find a lump during self examination or during a routine doctor's visit have a mammogram in conjunction with an ultrasound. Very young women are evaluated using ultrasound because it doesn't involve radiation. It uses sound waves. Ultrasound can also be used to biopsy a lesion or mass found during a routine mammogram.

**News**                                      **10/23/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

A new study is the first to measure the impact of environment plus nutrition on saving poor children's lives in developing countries. Children face many challenges to growing up healthy. A new study says focusing on a few specific issues can dramatically reduce the number of child deaths. But what is a surprise is how many lives can be saved by providing clean water, proper waste disposal and clean-burning cooking fuel. A doctor says there is a lot of needed aid going to poor countries, but he recommends changing the focus of that aid. To conduct this study, the researchers analyzed survey data from forty-two developing countries, as well as data from the world health organization and existing studies.

**News**                                      **10/23/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

When you get married you gain more than a spouse -- according to a new report. Research coming out of the annual meeting of the obesity society shows people who get married gain up to 6 to 9 pounds more than their single peers. Single young adults are often active, watch little T-V and perhaps have more incentive to stay thin. They also found when one partner

gains or loses weight the other tends to follow -- so they hope to influence couples to lose weight and support each other.

**News**                                      **10/24/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

If you're tired and grouchy, it could be in your head; literally....a new study shows how your brain and your emotional reactions are affected when you're sleep-deprived. Kara getting soda one hundred million Americans are sleep-deprived. When people are sleep deprived emotions may not be controllable. A new study shows that the area of the brain that normally controls emotions is literally shutdown when people don't get enough sleep. Dr. Mohammad Bajwa is the director of the sleep lab at Holyoke Medical Center. When people have an acute sleep deprivation or long term deprivation it affects their mental and physical performance. Dr. Bajwa recommends getting on a regular sleep schedule, avoiding stimulants late at night, eating a light meal in the early evening, exercising two hours or more before you have to go to bed, and not watching TV before you go to sleep.

**News**                                      **10/24/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

One third of Americans say they live with extreme stress. Three quarters suffer physical symptoms of stress: headaches, stomachaches, exhaustion According to a survey by the American psychological association." you see it interfering with their jobs, their productivity, their laying awake at night because of their stress. They're over eating, they're eating poorly because of stress." work and money are on the rise as the biggest stressors. Half point to housing costs as sources of stress too, worst on the U-S coasts. Women and parents of young children feel the brunt of stress. And single people do more than couples. As for coping, psychologists see a disconnect: eighty percent say they're handling stress well. But many turn to junk food or overeating to manage it. And that's where the health part comes in: (sot: Dr. Russ Newman/ American psychological association)"drinking, smoking, fast food...can lead to some of the most significant health problems we have in this country. In the survey nearly half of Americans say their stress has increased over the past five years. For better or worse, most say stress has become a fact of life, that they have just come to expect.

**News**                                      **10/24/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Researchers conducted two studies on the effect of daylight saving time on circadian rhythm -- and found our bodies will thank us when we turn our clocks back next month! The first study of 55 thousand adults found, when they weren't working, their bodies responded to the timing of dawn during the winter -- not the spring or summer. A smaller study showed it took about 5 days to adjust sleep and daylight activities during the fall -- while it took some study participants anywhere from two days to two weeks in the spring.

**News**                                      **10/24/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

For kids who scream at the sight of a needle -- they have a new alternative when it comes to flu protection. The nasal spray flu vaccine called flu-mist can now be used in all healthy children starting from age 2... Today's action expands the usage to kids ages 2 through five.



The vaccine is already in use for older kids and adults through age 49. The Flumist vaccine is -not- for children with a history of wheezing or asthma.

**News**                                      **10/25/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

People had a healthy alternative for lunch in downtown Springfield today. The Tower Square Community Health Fair offered blood pressure and oxygen screenings. There was also information on health care and the latest nutritional products from local health and fitness organizations. Attendees say these free programs are helpful. Baystate Medical Center and tower square management sponsored the health fair. Baystate put on a blood drive in conjunction with the health fair.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Most collegiate sports teams do not have a lung specialist on staff ... Despite the high rates of asthma in athletes. In a survey of 541 N-C-A-A athletic trainers, only 22-percent reported having a Pulmonologist on staff ... And only 20-percent had a written plan for handling a major asthma attack during games or practice. And the study found only a 60-percent compliance rate with the national athletic trainers association's guidelines to have a rescue inhaler available for each patient during games and practices.

**News**                                      **10/27/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Dozens of people marched in Mason Square; proudly holding quilts they'd lovingly designed to promote aids awareness the goal of last night's colorful parade was to educate the public about the dangers of aids. It was part of an annual memorial service to remember people who've died of aids. Linda Holley spent months working on her aids memorial quilt. Holley says aids prevention and education should be a family affair. This gets the word out by us coming together and giving parents a chance to bring teens and give them aids awareness." the march was sponsored by northern educational services, a local aids counseling and testing center. October is national H-I-V and aids awareness month.

**News**                                      **10/29/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A major group of pediatricians is urging universal autism screening for children 18 to 24 months old -- regardless of whether parents or caregivers have concerns about a child's behavior. Another report from the American academy of pediatrics finds children's health might be especially affected by global warming. Experts say that because kids breathe at a higher rate than adults, they might be more susceptible to air pollution increasing the risk for asthma and other breathing problems. The group also warns that as the earth's geography changes, disruptions in the food and water supply might lead to more waterborne illnesses and possibly vitamin deficiencies in some populations. An increase in heat-related illnesses is also predicted. The report is from the American academy of pediatrics... Where experts say early intervention is key to treating children with autism spectrum disorders. The group is encouraging pediatricians to ask about development and behavior at every regular check-up... And to start intensive intervention as soon as a Diagnosis of autism is seriously

considered. The A-A-P also points out that many parents of children with an autism spectrum disorder are using alternative therapies, such as special diets and chelation. While the group says there's been no credible evidence these therapies work, they encourage doctors to become knowledgeable about these therapies and work with parents to determine the efficacy of them.

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**News**                      **10/30/07**                      **6:30am**                      **:30**

New research links television viewing to high blood pressure in obese children. Overweight kids who watched 2 to 4 hours of T-V a day had more than twice the odds of hypertension ... Compared with children who watched less television. The risk for high blood pressure increased even more for overweight children who watched more than 4 hours a day. The American academy of pediatrics recommends no more than 2 hours of T-V a day for kids.

**News**                      **10/30/07**                      **11pm**                      **:30**

A large new study has found no sign that vitamin D lowers the overall risk of dying from cancer. Getting enough of the so-called "sunshine vitamin" is vital for strong bones. But vitamin D has made headlines in recent years because of research saying it might be a powerful cancer fighter.

**News**                      **10/30/07**                      **11pm**                      **:30**

Researchers studied mice that had been genetically engineered to have injuries in the area of the brain dealing with memory. They found by injecting the mice with stem cells their memory was partially restored. During tests the mice could remember their surroundings 70 percent of the time, roughly the same rate as mice who were never injured.

**News**                      **10/31/07**                      **11pm**                      **:30**

The incidence of serious psychological distress is significantly lower among moms and dads than adults without children. An analysis of more than 33-thousand adults finds nearly 9-percent of parents experienced psychological problems within the past year. The percentage rose to 12-percent among adults who were not parents. Even though parenting appears to have a slightly protective effect, researchers point out that some moms and dads --

particularly those with low incomes or those who are divorced -- face very stressful situations that might lead to depression or other psychological problems.

**News**                                      **10/31/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

As many as 1 out of every 7 elderly Americans have some form of dementia. The studies funded by the national institutes of health estimates 3.4 million adults over age 71 have dementia... And more than 2-million of them have Alzheimer's disease. Researchers also found the prevalence of dementia increases significantly with age. Fewer years of education and a genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's were also strong predictors of dementia.

**News**                                      **10/31/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

Halloween is one of the highlights of a child's year -- dressing up -- and of course -- the candy. But children with peanut allergies need to be careful. Before allowing children to sample any Halloween goodies, parents should read the ingredients on the packaging. Many candy products frequently include peanuts or contain traces of peanuts ... Including many candy bars. Peanuts have the potential to cause fatal allergic reactions in these children, so parents should throw away candy containing peanut oil, peanut flour, mixed nuts or ground nuts.

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

This study looks at how nutrition, body composition and physical activity influence the risk of cancer. Researchers concluded that obesity is linked to many forms of the disease. According to the study even small amounts of excess body fat can increase the risk of colon, prostate and breast cancer. Doctor Alicia Ross of Holyoke Medical Center says part of the problem is that people often eat the wrong foods. Researchers in the study recommend that people modify their lifestyle to prevent cancer. They advise staying lean and active, limiting foods and drinks that promote weight gain, limiting red meat and alcohol consumption, and avoiding processed meat...and salty foods.

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Radiation seed therapy for prostate cancer appears to be equally as effective in men younger than age 60 than as it is in older men. That's according to a new study from Memorial Sloan-Kettering cancer center, where researchers analyzed data on more than 17-hundred men with localized prostate cancer. Doctors often advise younger men to have surgery, rather than Brachytherapy in which a doctor plants small radioactive seeds into the prostate to kill cancer cells. But researchers say this new study suggests age should not deter men from exploring all of their options.

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Vitamin D does not appear to be associated with an overall risk for dying from cancer. Some studies have suggested that vitamin-D might stop tumors from growing. But a new study of nearly 17-thousand adults from the national institutes of health finds higher levels of vitamin d

circulating in the blood had no influence on cancer mortality, for the most part. However -- higher levels of vitamin D were associated with a 72-percent reduced risk of dying from colorectal cancer. We get most of our vitamin D from sunlight and diet.

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

November is American diabetes month. She says that this disease is growing in the United States, and in many cases it can be prevented. More than 20 million Americans have type 2 diabetes, and this month, the message will be that by simple changes many can keep themselves from diabetes. And what is being stressed this month is that we can a role in lessening the chance of developing diabetes by making some simple changes in lifestyle, mainly thru exercise and diet. 57 nutrition physical activities, they think one of the reasons it's on the increase is because we're so inactive in comparison with our ancestors and that increases insulin resistance, which is factor causing type 2 diabetes. Now most surprising, is that one third of the people in this country who have diabetes don't know they have it. Be sure to get regular check ups so your doctor can check for any symptoms or signs.

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

The prevalence of cardiovascular disease among diabetics is decreasing. Researchers from the U-S centers for disease control and prevention are reporting an 11-percent decrease in heart disease among people over age 35 with diabetes. The data are from an 8-year period, between 1997 and 2005. Despite the fact that African Americans with diabetes tend to have higher rates of heart problems the prevalence of cardiovascular disease among blacks decreased by more than 25-percent. More than half of all deaths in people with diabetes are caused by heart disease and stroke.

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A second C-D-C report finds more and more diabetics are keeping a close eye on their blood sugar levels on a daily basis. Experts say that controlling blood glucose is critical for preventing diabetes-related complications, such as heart disease and eye problems. The number of adults with diabetes who checked their blood glucose levels at least once a day increased by over 22-percent between 1997 and 2006.

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Researchers have identified a gene that may increase the risk for prostate cancer in African American men. In a new study researchers compared the genes of nearly 500 African American men with prostate cancer to those of African American men without the disease. They were able to identify a genetic marker that was strongly associated with prostate cancer they say learning more about this genetic marker could lead to new screening targets for the disease and new treatments.

**News**                                      **11/4/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

People with heart problems here in Western Massachusetts have a new question to ask their doctors. Should they replace the world's top selling blood thinner, Plavix with an experimental drug? Plavix has long been the blood thinner of choice recommended by heart specialists. But now according to the New England journal of medicine, the experimental drug Prasugrel, is said to be proving better than Plavix as a blood thinner. But there's a downside...Prasugrel has been known to cause serious bleeding and the drug has yet to be approved by federal regulators. However a doctor at Brigham and women's hospital in Boston claims that his research among 13,000 patients in 30 countries proves Prasugrel is the better drug.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A review of data finds the percentage of adults with peripheral artery disease rose from 3.7 percent in 2000 to 4.2 percent two years later. None had symptoms of the disease, which occurs when fatty deposits accumulate in the linings of the artery walls, restricting blood flow and oxygen to the legs, feet and arms.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A new study suggests that children who don't get enough shut-eye are more likely to become overweight. A review of data from the national institute of child health and human development study, finds that third graders who didn't get enough sleep were more likely than their friend to be overweight by the 6th grade -- regardless of their starting body mass index.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

State officials are working to clear a telephone bottleneck, as thousands of bay state residents scramble to beat the December 31st health insurance deadline. The Boston globe reports that the volume of calls to a phone center set up by the commonwealth health insurance connector were four times greater than the state predicted. That led to as many as 20 percent of the calls going unanswered in recent weeks. Residents who fail to obtain health coverage by the end of the year could face tax penalties.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

New England is well represented in the list of the nation's healthiest states. The bay state places ninth on the 2007 America's health rankings list. The list names Vermont as the nation's healthiest state, while neighboring Connecticut is in the top five. The ranking are based on people and medical-related issues. The report finds that the nation's overall health declined over the past year... despite gains in cancer reduction and cardiovascular mortality.

**News**                                      **11/5/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

The state ethics commission says former turnpike authority chairman Matthew Amorello broke the conflict of interest law. The ethics commission says Amorello sweetened the agency's sick time policy last July, shortly before resigning in the wake of a fatal ceiling

collapse in a big dig tunnel. The policy change allowed workers to cash in up to 50 percent of their unused sick days -- up from 20-percent. Amorello and three members of his senior staff benefited from the policy change.

**News**

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New research suggests taking an over-the-counter pain reliever may lower the risk for Parkinson's disease! The study included nearly 300 Parkinson's patients and 280 people without the disease. All were asked about their use of a certain class of over-the-counter pain relievers called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. This class of drugs includes Motrin, Aleve and aspirin. Overall, those who took pain relievers besides aspirin had a nearly 60 percent reduced risk for the disease. Women who took only aspirin also saw a reduced risk for Parkinson's -- men did not.

**News**

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A person's risk for heart disease may be established very early in life -- even as young as age seven! Sometime between the ages 4 and 7.... Children reach their lowest body mass index, or B-M-I... which is a measurement of body fat based on height and weight. After that lowest point, the B-M-I naturally increases through later childhood, and on into adulthood. But new research indicates that kids who reached their lowest body mass index very early in life had higher B-M-I and higher blood pressure by age seven. Researchers say pediatricians might want to consider measuring B-M-I each year starting at a young age. Tiny babies in need of a heart transplant can receive hearts even if the donor's blood doesn't match their own. Researchers from Johns Hopkins found survival three years later was equal --about 75-percent -- among babies who received hearts with the same or different blood types. Doctors say babies under age one have immature immune systems, and therefore have not developed antibodies to reject incompatible donor hearts.

**News**

**11/6/07**

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Placing external defibrillators in busy places around the community -- such as malls, airports and stadiums -- could help heart attack victims survive. That is, if by-standers use them. A study estimates that more than 500 lives could be saved each year if people use defibrillators plus C-P-R when they see someone having a heart attack. Adding a defibrillator to immediate C-P-R treatment before paramedics were able to arrive more than doubled the chance a heart attack victim survived at least long enough to be discharged from the hospital.

**News**

**11/6/07**

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Teenagers are finding a new weed to smoke. But this drug could land them in the hospital, or worse. He's an athlete, a good student, and for the most part a good kid. But even good kids like Marcus Cantu make mistakes. "Marcus had gone out to skateboard with some friends and when he came home, I knew that he wasn't exactly acting right." Lorie Cantu didn't know what was wrong at first, but her son's condition worsened. "He was hallucinating. He thought there were spiders on him, ants. He really couldn't speak." so she took him here to the

medical center of McKinney, where she finally discovered what was wrong with her son. "That's when we found out it was Jinsom weed. They had eaten some seeds." "Every part of the plant is poisonous." Dotty Woodson is a horticulturist and has seen these Jinsom plants before. "a seed pod can carry hundreds and hundreds of seeds so it doesn't take much to make you very ill." it put Marcus in the hospital for two days. "Hopefully this was a very hard lesson learned." a lesson he's thankfully still alive to grow from.

**News**                                      **11/8/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

In a new study...Scientists say being just a bit overweight reduces your chances of dying of some chronic diseases. Overweight people -- usually 20 to 30 pounds over what's recommended -- are not more likely to die from heart disease or cancer... And actually die less often from lung cancer...Alzheimer's...Even accidents and suicide. But doctors say it's a complex study and not a license to gain weight. The study also found that heart disease deaths blamed on obesity seem to be dropping slightly.

**News**                                      **11/8/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Scientists are learning more about why an aids vaccine failed, leaving some people more vulnerable to H-I-V. Clinical trials for the Merck vaccine were stopped in September after it was unable to prevent infection. The vaccine also appeared to increase the risk for H-I-V infection among some trial participants. Scientists say the vaccine may have altered their immune systems in a way that made them more susceptible.

**News**                                      **11/9/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Experts say smoking can also lead to a host of additional disorders -- including Psoriasis. Psoriasis is an itchy, inflammatory skin condition marked by red patches and silvery scales. A new study finds that the risk for psoriasis is 78-percent higher among smokers than people who've never smoked. For former smokers, their risk is reduced to 37-percent.

**News**                                      **11/9/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

It's something that's been speculated ever since the Atkins diet emerged, but now there's research to back it up. The popular low-carb diet is bad for your heart according to a new study. Study participants were put on one of three diet plans including Atkins. Later, blood samples were taken. People on the Atkins plan had higher levels of bad cholesterol and showed signs of damaged blood vessels after being on the diet for just one month. While participants who were on the south beach and Ornish diets saw inflammatory markers and their bad cholesterol go down. Researchers say sticking to a diet that stresses vegetables, whole grains and low fat intake is the best way to protect your heart while dieting.

**News**                                      **11/13/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

The number of Americans with three common sexually transmitted diseases has gone up for the second year in a row. Syphilis cases rose 14 percent from 2005 to 2006 -- with a majority of cases among homosexual men. The rates of Chlamydia -- a disease that can lead to

infertility in women -- went up over five percent. Gonorrhea cases were up five-and-a-half percent -- with African Americans reporting the disease 18 times more than whites.

**News**                                      **11/13/07**                                      **11pm**                                      **:30**

In a new study, researchers had nearly six thousand men take beta-carotene supplements or placebo for both short and long periods of time. They found those taking the supplement long-term performed significantly better on cognitive tests -- especially those analyzing verbal memory.

**News**                                      **11/14/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

According to new research -- eating a lot of nitrite-rich greens might help minimize the tissue damage caused by heart attacks, should one strike. Dietary nitrite comes mainly from vegetables, like spinach, lettuce, and even beets. Lab mice that had water supplemented with nitrite had a 48-percent reduction in muscle damage in their hearts following a simulated heart attack.

**News**                                      **11/14/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Researchers found that attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder drugs may wear off before day is done for many children. About half of parents reported that once-daily ADHD drugs stopped providing symptom relief for their six- to 17-year-old children before 6 p.m...That's according to a national internet-based survey reported by the children and adults with ADHD organization. The study was not randomized which may impact the results...but the findings suggest that clinicians need to ask patients or parents about length of symptom relief.

**News**                                      **11/15/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Soldiers returning from war are at an increased risk for several conditions ranging from alcohol abuse to post-traumatic stress disorder. A new report from the institutes of medicine finds soldiers who were in combat have an increased risk for anxiety disorders, alcohol abuse, accidental death or suicide, and marital problems. They also found a link between war and drug abuse and chronic fatigue. Experts are recommending pre-deployment and post-deployment screening tests that look at physical and mental health.

**News**                                      **11/15/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

The march of dimes promoted their message of reducing the risks of premature births at a summit in Holyoke. Health care professionals learned about many of the factors that can lead to premature births. There are steps women can take to reduce their risk of delivering prematurely. While many premature births can be prevented by eliminating risk factors, there is no known reason for half of this nation's premature births.

**News**                                      **11/15/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**



Today's unofficial health care coverage deadline has renewed debate on the issue among presidential candidates. Mitt Romney's rivals are reminding voters that as governor of Massachusetts, Romney spearheaded the effort that resulted in the first-in-the-nation law. Mandates such as universal health insurance are opposed by many conservatives and republicans who oppose government intrusion. Romney says he defends the Massachusetts law but does not support a federal law mandating health insurance.

**News**                      **11/15/07**                      **6pm**                      **:30**

Time is running out for uninsured Bay State residents to sign up for their health coverage. While the actual deadline is December thirty-first, officials point out that most health plans take effect at the beginning of the month. In order to complete all the paperwork and have coverage in place by December first, the uninsured are being urged to enroll no later than today. People who miss the deadline will face a tax penalty.

**News**                      **11/16/07**                      **12pm**                      **:30**

There are racial disparities when it comes to deaths from diabetes. That's according to a new report from the centers for disease control and prevention. About 18 out of every 10-thousand children and teens in the U-S have diabetes. While pediatric deaths due to diabetes are rare... C-D-C officials say young African Americans have about twice the death rate than white children. Researchers aren't sure of the reasons behind the difference - but they say it might have to do with access to healthcare.

**News**                      **11/16/07**                      **12pm**                      **:30**

A new study links asthma to post- traumatic stress disorder. The study included more than 3-thousand male twins -- all of whom had served wartime military duty. Among all twins ... Identical or fraternal ... Those who'd suffered from the most P-T-S-D symptoms were more than twice as likely to have asthma. Researchers say they are not sure if stress compromises the immune system or if having asthma puts adults at an increased risk for post-traumatic stress.

**News**                      **11/16/07**                      **5:30pm**                      **:30**

Research from Worcester polytechnic institute highlights some of the health benefits of cranberries. Scientists say cranberries are able to alter E. Coli bacteria... So that they don't lead to infections, like nasty stomach bugs and even tooth decay.

**News**                      **11/16/07**                      **5:30pm**                      **:30**

The world's first wearable defibrillator is a device recommended for people at risk for a heart attack. The vests have already saved 100 people across the country. The life-vest is manufactured by Life-Cor incorporated. Medicare and most insurance companies will cover its expenses, which is about 32-hundred dollars a month.

**News**                      **11/16/07**                      **5:30pm**                      **:30**

The number of some preventable illnesses has decreased dramatically and the center for disease control says it's all thanks to a little jab like this. They say illness and death rates for 13 vaccine-preventable diseases in the U-S have gone down since implementing vaccines.

**News**                      **11/16/07**                      **11pm**                      **:30**

Researchers have identified what they say is the best method to screen for ovarian cancer. A study compares ultrasound to a commonly used blood test among women scheduled to have a large mass removed from their ovaries. They found experienced ultrasound technicians could correctly classify tumors as benign or malignant 93 percent of the time -- while the blood test worked 83 percent of time.

**News**                      **11/17/07**                      **6pm**                      **:30**

Women battling breast cancer as well breast cancer survivors among greater Springfield's African American community have formed a sisterhood of support. Members of black, which means becoming leaders and creating knowledge held their first meeting this afternoon at tower square. The founder of black says, too many women lack a basic awareness of the help available for them. Although the support group was formed for women of color, Janine Sheppard says they welcome all women who need breast cancer support into her organization.

**News**                      **11/17/07**                      **11pm**                      **:30**

Springfield health department flu clinic attracted a crowd at the new life Calvary Baptist Church. Those coming for a flu shot want no part of the dreaded winter illness. Between now and the first week in December the Springfield health department has nearly a dozen more such clinics scheduled at churches and senior centers.

**News**                      **11/19/07**                      **6am**                      **:30**

College students might put themselves at risk when they first go away to school by eating foods they shouldn't. A survey of more than 500 undergrads found that... Of those who reported having food allergies... 42-percent knowingly ate foods that contained the allergens anyway. Some said they thought they could eat around the specific allergen, like peanuts. Others said they knew it could be treated. However -- only about 20-percent of students who'd had allergic reactions said they had an Epi-pen or other self-inject medication in case of emergency.

**News**                      **11/19/07**                      **6am**                      **:30**

Many people use oats and oat products to soothe itchy, dry skin... But a new study finds some kids with skin allergies may actually be allergic to oat proteins! Nearly a third of about 300 children with eczema who visited a pediatric dermatology center in France were found to have allergic reactions to oats. Eczema is a chronic skin condition that leads to itchy rashes. Researchers think repeated applications of oat products to already sensitive skin might be enough to lead to flare-ups.

**News**                      **11/19/07**                      **12pm**                      **:30**

A study by the national alliance for care giving shows consumers pay about \$5,500 out of pocket to care for an elderly parent or spouse. That cost is about double what previous estimates had shown, and does not count other factors such as groceries, drugs and transportation. That boosts expenses to about \$8,728 a year. About 34 million Americans care for older family members or friends.

**News**                      **11/19/07**                      **5:30pm**                      **:30**

A tiny bionic brain chip makes it possible for thoughts to control an object outside of the body. A video from the society for neuroscience shows this monkey's real arm is restrained -- while only his thoughts move the robotic arm. Researcher Andrew Schwartz says the chip could help patients with many medical conditions. Here's how the process works. Electrodes are implanted in the subject's brain. Then a transmitter is attached to a computer where those brain signals are read. Then they're sent to another computer where those thoughts are turned into action. The chip is now being tested in humans.

**News**                      **11/20/07**                      **6am**                      **:30**

Lack of sleep could make it harder to lose baby weight for new moms. In a new study, women who said they got no more than 5 hours of sleep when their babies were 6 months old had three times the risk for substantial weight retention at their baby's first birthday. That's compared with moms who got 7 hours of shut-eye a night.

**News**                      **11/20/07**                      **6am**                      **:30**

The health of your arteries could determine how well you're memory functions in old age. In a 14-year study researchers followed nearly two thousand older Americans who did not have a history of stroke or dementia. They found those whose arteries stiffened the most ....performed the worst on exams testing memory and learning. While artery stiffening is a normal part of aging, researchers say it can be lessened through diet and exercise.

**News**                      **11/20/07**                      **6am**                      **:30**

A new study finds having uncontrolled high blood pressure increases the risk for disability later in life. Researchers analyzed data from a study that followed thousands of patients for nearly 40 years. They found patients who had high blood pressure had a greater chance of disability later in life. For example, their upper and lower body strength, motor skills and physical mobility were worse than patients without the disorder. They also found women with high blood pressure had a greater risk of disability than men.

**News**                      **11/21/07**                      **5:30pm**                      **:30**

The research is preliminary, but it shows a compound found in marijuana may be able to stop breast cancer cells that are spreading out of control. The non-toxic compound has been

found to stop a gene that researchers think is responsible for allowing cancer cells to spread. Of course, researchers do not advise patients to start smoking marijuana for this effect... because they wouldn't be able to get a sufficient amount of the compound.

**News**                                      **11/22/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

The American academy of pediatrics, have some helpful hints about toy safety before you start your holiday shopping. Most importantly, buy age appropriate toys. Toys for children under three shouldn't contain any small parts they could choke on. They discourage people from giving children under ten toys that need to be plugged in to an outlet -- instead look for gifts that are battery operated. Avoid anything with a long string for babies because of the risk of strangulation.

**News**                                      **11/22/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Traveling can increase stress in kids. But, the American academy of pediatrics has provided a few tips to make things easier on everyone. Try to stick to your child's regular routine when on the road... Experts recommend being consistent with naps and bedtimes. And, always keep a list of emergency numbers with you when you travel. Know the local fire and police numbers, the national poison control number and how to contact your child's doctor.

**News**                                      **11/22/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

There's proof that some of the most popular pain medications like Tylenol and Advil... Could actually be causing you headaches! Research published in the journal of neurology finds a growing number of headaches are actually caused by the very pain medications you use to get rid of them... It's called medication overuse headaches... Or M-O-H. If you are taking headache medications fifteen days out of a month, you are overusing.

**News**                                      **11/22/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Researchers studied the heart effects of drinking in a smoky environment. They found mice that were exposed to smoky air and fed a diet containing ethanol alcohol had a four fold increased risk for artery damage ...compared to mice exposed to filtered air and given a normal diet. Researchers then tested the effects of smoking and drinking together....and found the combination is very dangerous for your heart.

**News**                                      **11/23/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Researchers say the risk for heart attack in patients who'd had a blood clot was 60-percent higher than control subjects in the first year after experiencing the clot. The risk for stroke was 119-percent higher. For people who'd had a blood clot in their lungs, the risk for heart attack was two and a half times higher and nearly three times higher for stroke.

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A study of 11 and 12 year olds finds that parents who are active during pregnancy and in their child's early life tend to raise more active children. Researchers don't think that particular link has anything to do with what happens in the womb... Rather, experts say active pregnant women are simply likely to stay active afterward. Having a big brother or sister to run after also helped young kids stay active.

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**News**                                      **11/26/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Researchers tested a live Christmas tree, and found the mold count was 5 times higher than normal two weeks after setting up the tree inside a house. Scientists say people with mold allergies may consider putting an air purifier in the same room as the tree, or just setting it up later in the season.

**News**                                      **11/26/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

New research from Massachusetts general hospital finds more than a third of men with prostate cancer might not be getting the treatment that's best for them, because they may be too embarrassed to talk about very personal pre-existing conditions. All the standard treatments for prostate cancer carry some kind of risk for side effects, which could affect urinary, bowel or sexual function. For patients who already have problems in these areas... Researchers say the wrong type of therapy could make their problem worse.

**News**                                      **11/26/07**                                      **5am**                                      **:30**

Numerous studies have shown African American women have higher death rates from breast cancer now a new study finds these women and other racial and ethnic minorities are more likely than white women to suffer from the pain that often comes with advanced breast cancer. An estimated 60- to 90-percent of women with breast cancer that has spread... Suffer from chronic or recurrent pain. Researchers say non-white women may be at highest risk for under treatment of pain, including poor access to medication.

**News**                      **11/29/07**                      **6am**                      **:30**

British researchers found men with high levels of naturally occurring testosterone have a significantly lower risk of having a heart attack, stroke or developing cancer. In fact, men in the upper quarter of testosterone levels had a 41 percent lower risk of dying from cardiovascular disease, cancer and all other causes.

**News**                      **11/29/07**                      **5pm**                      **:30**

Its estimated 25-percent of people infected with H-I-V don't know they're positive. A new report suggests rapid H-I-V tests can quickly inform patients of their status before they infect someone else. In a recent study C-D-C researchers administered rapid H-I-V tests to over 23 thousand people in major U-S cities. They identified 267 new cases of H-I-V -roughly 1 percent of the people tested. 70-percent of the positive cases were in minority populations, and over 65-percent of the patients reported multiple sex partners. World aids day is December first.

**News**                      **11/29/07**                      **5pm**                      **:30**

A study in mice found exercise sped up the rate of wound healing. Researchers say exercise leads to less inflammatory proteins in the body...inflammation is known to slow down the healing process. While more studies are needed, researchers say moderate exercise should be safe for people at risk for delayed wound healing like the elderly, people with diabetes and people who are obese.

**News**                      **11/29/07**                      **5pm**                      **:30**

A new report suggests children exposed to the dust cloud after 9-11 have an increased risk for asthma. A survey done by the New York New City department of health found the asthma rate among children exposed to dust after 9-11 may be double that of children who live in other parts of the country. They found about half of the 31-hundred children enrolled in a world trade center health registry reported a new respiratory symptom, like cough, after September eleventh. About six percent of the children in the study had a new asthma diagnosis.

**News**                      **12/20/07**                      **12pm**                      **:30**

The amount and quality of your health insurance could mean life or death -- when it comes to a cancer diagnosis. A new report from the American cancer society finds uninsured people are less likely to get cancer screenings... More likely to be diagnosed at later stages of the disease... And have lower survival rates than those with private health coverage. When it comes to breast cancer -- women without health insurance are about half as likely as those with private health insurance to have received a mammogram in the past two years. 20- to 30-percent of uninsured women were diagnosed with advanced breast cancer, compared with 10- to 15-percent of privately insured patients. And whether a woman survived breast

cancer ...correlated with her health insurance ... Even if she had been diagnosed at an early stage.

**News**                                      **12/20/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

The Chickenpox Vaccine can help protect you from the potentially deadly virus. In 2006, the C-D-C began recommending kids get two shots before the age of six -- to give kids full immunity later in life. But now a shortage may make it tougher to get that booster. Marianne Favro reports. Chicken pox causes more than an itchy, blistery rash. It can also be deadly. This is why the centers for disease control recommend children get two vaccines. The first between the ages of one year and 15 months, and then a second shot between ages four and six. And yes you really need that booster. The initial symptoms include fever and feeling run down. Problem is -- days before anyone start to look like this, they can pass along the virus. Doctors say once your youngster gets the two vaccines, the immunity should last a lifetime. The problem is vaccine production problems and increased demands have meant a short supply of the shot. So parents are diligent about getting your kids vaccinated because if you haven't had chickenpox yet, and your kids get it, they could give it to you. It's important to know if you're kids do get chickenpox they need to stay isolated until all the sores have scabbed over.

**News**                                      **12/21/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

New study of temper tantrums highlights some behaviors that may foreshadow behavioral problems and depression. Experts say parents might want to watch out for self-injury, consistent violence against others or objects, the inability to calm themselves on their own, tantrums lasting more than 25 minutes, and an average of 5 tantrums a day. Experts stress that temper tantrums are common, but suggest talking with your child's pediatrician if you have concerns.

**News**                                      **12/21/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Tufts university researchers have re-designed the U-S-D-A food pyramid specifically for older adults. New on the modified pyramid for those over the age of 70 -- is a foundation of physical activity typical to older adults like walking, yard work and even swimming. The pyramid depicts packaged fruits and vegetables in addition to fresh -- because these come in single servings and will last longer. It emphasizes the importance of fiber rich foods, lots of fluids as well as calcium and vitamins D and B-12 -- important for the aging body.

**The following is WWLP programming addressing Jobs during the 4<sup>TH</sup> quarter of 2007. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      10/5/07                                      5pm                                      : 30**

General electric may lay off as many as 14-hundred workers as it restructures mainly its lighting division in the U.S. and Brazil. G-E plans to close all of its lighting factories in Rio de Janeiro. That move will impact about 900 jobs. The company also says it will be closing some lighting operations here in the U.S. affecting almost 425 jobs. Plus, GE will transfer some operations from Mexico and the U.S. to other locations. This will affect another 80 jobs.

**News                                      10/15/07                                      5:30pm                                      :30**

According to Reuters, America online will cut two thousand jobs, which is about one fifth of its global work force. The cuts will be affecting workers in the United States and Europe. According to market research website ISP-planet.com, AOL lost about one million subscribers between the first and second quarters of 2007 and is now third in U.S. Subscribers after SBC and Comcast.

**News                                      10/15/07                                      11pm                                      : 30**

The Springfield city council tonight voted unanimously to support project labor agreements for future construction projects. A "P-L-A" steers work toward Springfield residents, local labor, and minorities. The building commission is just starting to plan construction for a new 120-million dollar Putnam vocational high school. P-L-A supporters say hiring local workers will put money back into the local economy. The agreement also mandates that at least twenty percent of the workers will be women and minorities.

**News                                      10/17/07                                      5pm                                      : 30**

.A new government report says depression is common in workers who take care of children or the elderly. Restaurant workers are also affected. Seven percent of full-time workers battled depression in the past year. This report says depression leads to more than 30 billion dollars in lost productivity each year.

**News                                      10/18/07                                      5pm                                      : 30**

The Urban League of Springfield has just received federal money to help at-risk young people secure jobs in the community. The program will serve 18 to 21 year olds who've dropped out of school or who have had minor run-ins with the criminal justice system. They'll be eligible for assistance in a number of areas--including earning a G-E-D and job training. The programs can accommodate 45 people. The 236-thousand dollar grant was awarded by the department of labor and the national urban league.



**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

A state wide effort will help people find jobs, hundreds of employers and thousands of job seekers attended job fairs across the state today. In Northampton, the Franklin Hampshire career center saw 25 companies looking to interview qualified workers. Elite home health agency is looking for CNA'S-certified nursing assistants and homemakers." The health agency will run background checks and reference checks. The agency makes sure they have good, qualified, reliable staff. 37 one-stop career centers in Massachusetts took part in the statewide event.

**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **5:30am**                                      **: 30**

The British broadcasting corporation says it will cut 18-hundred jobs. The planned cuts represent about eight percent of the BBC's workforce. The BBC also plans to sell its television center in West London, where most of its television shows and nearly all its national TV and radio news programs are produced, to cover a 4-billion-dollar funding shortfall.

**News**                                      **10/18/07**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

Hundreds of optimistic job-seekers lined outside Future Works at Springfield Technical Community College. 35 employers met with job seekers as part of a state-wide career-day job fair. The event provided an opportunity to make connections that would be followed up online. The jobs ran the gamut of accounting, manufacturing, administrative, professional and retail.

**News**                                      **10/24/07**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

Springfield's police commissioner Edward Flynn will be interviewed for the job as Milwaukee's police chief. Milwaukee mayor tom barrette said that so far there are **no** front runners in the five candidate's race, but even so... Barrette says that he thinks Flynn has an impressive resume. Tuesday mayor barrette met with three of the internal candidates and plans to meet with Ed Flynn today before tonight's meeting.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

Retailers are starting to deck the aisles with holiday employees...up to 600 thousand workers will be hired by stores during the upcoming holiday season. Some companies increase their staffing up to 50 percent, but most observers say many are trying to stretch existing staff and use temporary agency workers. Attracting good workers that are willing to work long, late hours as the holidays approach can be challenging as well.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

Some workers are trying to show up less, not more... And now there's a website to help them. The excused absence network was created to provide excuse notes, for about 25 dollars to employees. The notes appear to come from doctor's offices, hospitals, or even funeral programs and jury summonses. The network company claims employees are tired of working long hours with little pay, and then not having the flexibility to help a sick relative or handle emergencies.

**News**                                      **10/26/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **: 30**

After 12 years...today is the final day on the job for Fall River mayor Ed Lambert. He's stepping down early to take a position at UMass-Dartmouth. City council president William Whittey will be sworn-in this afternoon as the city's acting mayor. A new mayor will be elected next month.

**News**                                      **10/30/07**                                      **5pm**                                      **: 30**

The second of thirteen local Wendy's restaurants that closed without notice in July is re-opening. The Wendy's on saint James avenue in Springfield is scheduled to re-open in about four weeks...interviews are underway this week....on-site between 10 and 5 pm. Bob Meyers, the field training manager says, they're looking to hire 30 to 35 people...including some of restaurant's former workers. He says, there's still much work to get done. The Wendy's in Hadley reopened last week...Restaurant officials is looking to re-open the Westfield location next.

**News**                                      **11/1/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

Chrysler is gearing up for massive job cuts the automaker says it plans to trim up to 12-thousand jobs in an effort to save money and match output to slowing demand for some of its vehicles. The automaker says it will cut up 10-thousand hourly jobs through 2008 and will also reduce salaried employment by about 21-thousand. Shifts will be eliminated at five North American assembly plants as Chrysler eliminates four vehicles from its line-up.

**News**                                      **11/2/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **: 30**

More than 166-thousand workers were added onto the payrolls in October. This is the biggest increase in five months. The increase is being seen as an encouraging sign that the nation's employment climate is holding up well against the strains of a housing collapse and credit crunch. Employment increases in professional and business services made up for job losses in manufacturing, construction and retail, which have been casualties of the problems plaguing the housing market.

**News**                                      **12/5/07**                                      **6am**                                      **: 30**

The city of Springfield might have to find a new school superintendent. Current superintendent, Joseph burke has applied for the job of State Education Commissioner. Dr. Burke says that he applied for the job; he went on to say he'd be very content to stay in Springfield, and would be happy to receive a new contract. The education board is expected to name a new commissioner in January.

**News** **12/6/07** **5:30am** **: 30**

The states renewable energy industry is predicted to grow by 30% over the next year according to industry analysts... and that's why business right here in Western Massachusetts is gearing up to go green. The Franklin Hampshire Regional Employment board held a breakfast for local business owners to come together and discuss the future of the booming environmental industry. Here at habitat post and beam in Deerfield customers is doing just that... more and more home buyers are taking energy conservation into consideration. That's why local and regional businesses have donated over 1.3 million dollars to help students expand their job skills.

**News** **12/6/07** **5:30am** **: 30**

The labor department reports the number of laid off workers filing claims for unemployment fell by 15-thousand last week, the largest decline in three months. This is despite economist's predictions the labor market will weaken because of the downturn in housing, the credit crunch, and rising energy prices.

**News** **12/10/07** **5:30am** **: 30**

Experts say you don't need a medical degree to break in to the healthcare field... There is a strong need for occupational and musical therapists and because of a teacher shortage across the country... A bachelor's degree in any field will allow you to begin teaching while you await certification. If you're not interested in teaching, there is also a high demand for those who want to help the elderly.

**News** **12/12/07** **6pm** **: 30**

New government figures show that people working in the Springfield area actually make more money than the average American. When it comes to pay rankings...the greater Springfield area appears to be doing well. That's according to new U-S department of labor statistics. They show that the average income in the Springfield area is higher than the nation as a whole, 9-percent higher to be exact. Some Springfield workers disagree with the findings. The Springfield area ranks sixth...and is tied with Seattle and anchorage for metropolitan pay rankings.

**News** **12/26/07** **6am** **: 30**

Attorney general Martha Coakley wants worker's compensation insurance rates to come down in 2008. Coakley and the Patrick administration this year announced a 16.9 percent

rate rollback. As part of the settlement, Coakley won the right to call another rate hearing in 2008. The A-G says small businesses can't afford to pay too much for the insurance. Worker's comp insurance pays lost wages and compensation for on-the-job injuries.

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U.S. News and world report is out with its list of best careers for 2008. The magazine added some jobs normally considered "blue collar"... like firefighting. It cites one poll that calls it the most "prestigious" career, as rated by the public. The magazine also added "hairstylists slash cosmetologists" a career that's on the cutting edge of fashion. "Dentists" also made the cut.

**The following is WWLP programming addressing Smoking during the 4<sup>TH</sup> quarter of 2007. These issues were addressed through our locally produced news programming.**

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**News                                      10/1/07                                      6am                                      :30**

Thousands of teenagers experiment with cigarettes each year, but not all become regular smokers. Researchers at the University of Massachusetts wanted to find out the reason some teens get addicted to nicotine and others don't. While personality is the major factor in why teens try smoking, it turns out the brain's reaction to nicotine can determine whether or not they get hooked.

**News                                      10/2/07                                      12pm                                      :30**

A survey of more than 15-hundred people ages 18 to 25 found the more a person was exposed to cigarette smoking in films... The more that person smoked within the past 30 days. Experts say young adulthood is the time when most people who experimented with cigarettes as a teen either become regular smokers or stop altogether.

**News                                      10/6/07                                      12pm                                      :30**

Fewer retailers are getting caught selling tobacco products to minors. The results of surprise government inspections released yesterday show only ten-point-nine percent of stores--checked nationwide-- sell tobacco products to minors. That's the lowest rate since the government started checking a decade ago. For the 12 months through September 2006, every state had a violation rate under 20 percent... The first time that's happened. A law passed in 1992 requires states to ban tobacco sales to anyone under the age of 18.

**News                                      10/15/07                                      12pm                                      :30**

"No smoking signs" could be seen in Massachusetts gambling casinos if Governor Deval Patrick has his way...Patrick's proposal flies in the face of established casino policies in Connecticut where only 11 percent of the grounds are non-smoking at Foxwoods and Mohegan sun. Massachusetts enacted a workplace smoking ban three years ago. Typically Indian tribes operating casinos aren't obligated to follow a state's anti smoking law, but Patrick's convinced Massachusetts' gambling will fare much better in a smoke free environment.

**News                                      10/22/07                                      12pm                                      :30**

Hypnosis may be an effective way to help some hospitalized patients quit smoking. When compared with patients who used nicotine replacement therapy ... Those who had one hypnotherapy session after they were discharged were more likely to be smoke-free six months later. Hypnosis was also found to be more effective than quitting "cold turkey."

**News**                                      **10/23/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

Patients who smoke sometimes hide their habit from their doctor -- but now there's a way their physician can find out. The test involves clipping a device to the finger. It calculates the amount of carbon monoxide from cigarettes in the blood. Doctors say solid evidence that shows patients how much carbon monoxide is in their blood can be their motivating factor to quit. The test is normally used on firefighters to determine the amount of smoke they were exposed to.

**News**                                      **10/27/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

Cherie bank has a look at what you'll look like if you start to smoke or are a smoker. Ariella Liberty has been a smoker since age 17. She's heard all the arguments against smoking but can't seem to quit. She's hoping a peek into her future will help. A camera takes your picture and the computer morphs you into what you will look like in the future ... And how much worse you will look if you smoke. But for Ariella the results were very upsetting.

**News**                                      **10/29/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

A new study indicates smoking may not lead to more aggressive or advanced breast cancer. That's the result of 35-years worth of data including more than 6-thousand patients. Researchers started the project thinking tobacco would increase the risk for advanced breast cancer... But they say that doesn't appear to be the case.

**News**                                      **11/9/07**                                      **12pm**                                      **:30**

The number of smokers in the U-S has remained relatively unchanged in the past several years...new statistics from the U-S centers for disease control and prevention show that in 2006, nearly 21-percent of adults smoked. Roughly the same percentage smoked two years earlier, in 2004. That's more than 45-million Americans. During the seven years prior to 2004... The rates of smoking had been declining. Experts say cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in this country -- and leads to more than 400-thousand deaths each year.

**News**                                      **11/15/07**                                      **5:30pm**                                      **:30**

Cooley Dickinson hospital in Northampton has banned smoking on its entire campus-- both inside its buildings.... And outdoors! The hospital had been gradually restricting smoking-- culminating in today's total ban. Volunteers were providing information on lung health at the hospital today. Cooley Dickinson joins other regional hospitals going smoke free, including Baystate and Mercy Medical Centers.

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Another risk to developing fetuses is second hand smoke. Experts say babies who are exposed to second hand smoke are at risk for breathing problems, ear infections, and even sudden infant death syndrome and new research shows new and expectant mothers who suffer from depression are more likely to smoke. A Temple University study says both problems may need to be treated together if women are using cigarettes to help themselves cope with depression. The study shows the risk for severe depression in the year after giving birth was 46-percent higher among smokers.

**News**                                      **12/14/07**                                      **6pm**                                      **:30**

The landmark tobacco settlement was reached nine years ago today. A new national report shows many states fail to fund tobacco prevention programs at the minimum levels recommended by the C-D-C. Massachusetts used to lead the nation on funding for tobacco prevention, but now the state ranks number thirty-three. The report, backed by the campaign for tobacco-free kid's shows funding is at its highest level in six years. But health organizations say it's not enough, and that under-funding tobacco prevention results in more smokers... And a big strain on the health care system currently, 23-percent of high school students and 20-point-8 percent of adults smoke in the U-S.

**News**                                      **12/18/07**                                      **6am**                                      **:30**

According to a new study from more than 100 countries sunlight helps reduce the risk for lung cancer. Although cigarette smoking accounted for between 75- and 85-percent of cases, a lack of sunlight exposure also appeared to play a role. Sun -- especially U-V-B light -- is a primary source of vitamin D in the body. Lung cancer rates were highest in countries farthest away from the equator and consequently had the least sunlight year-round.